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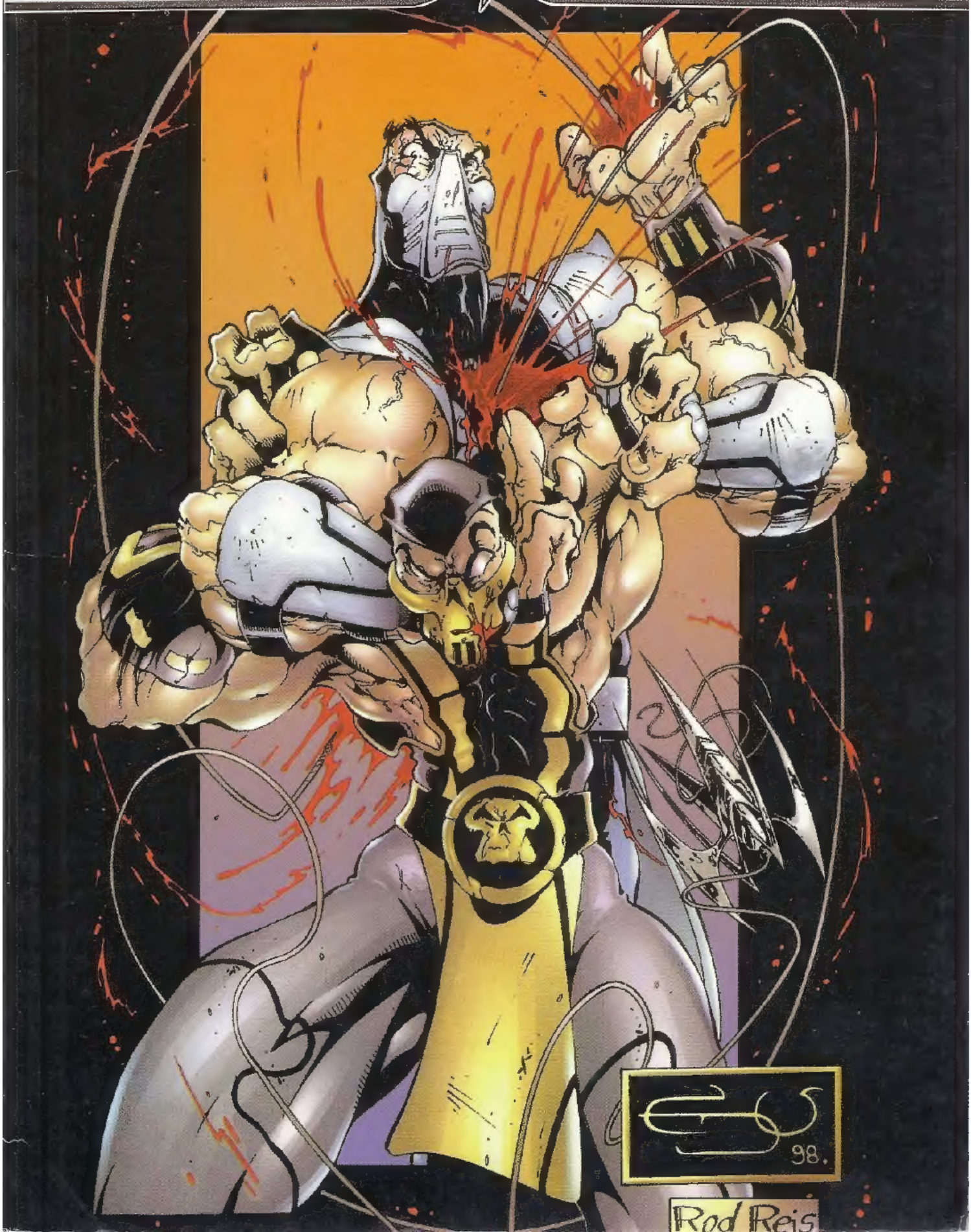

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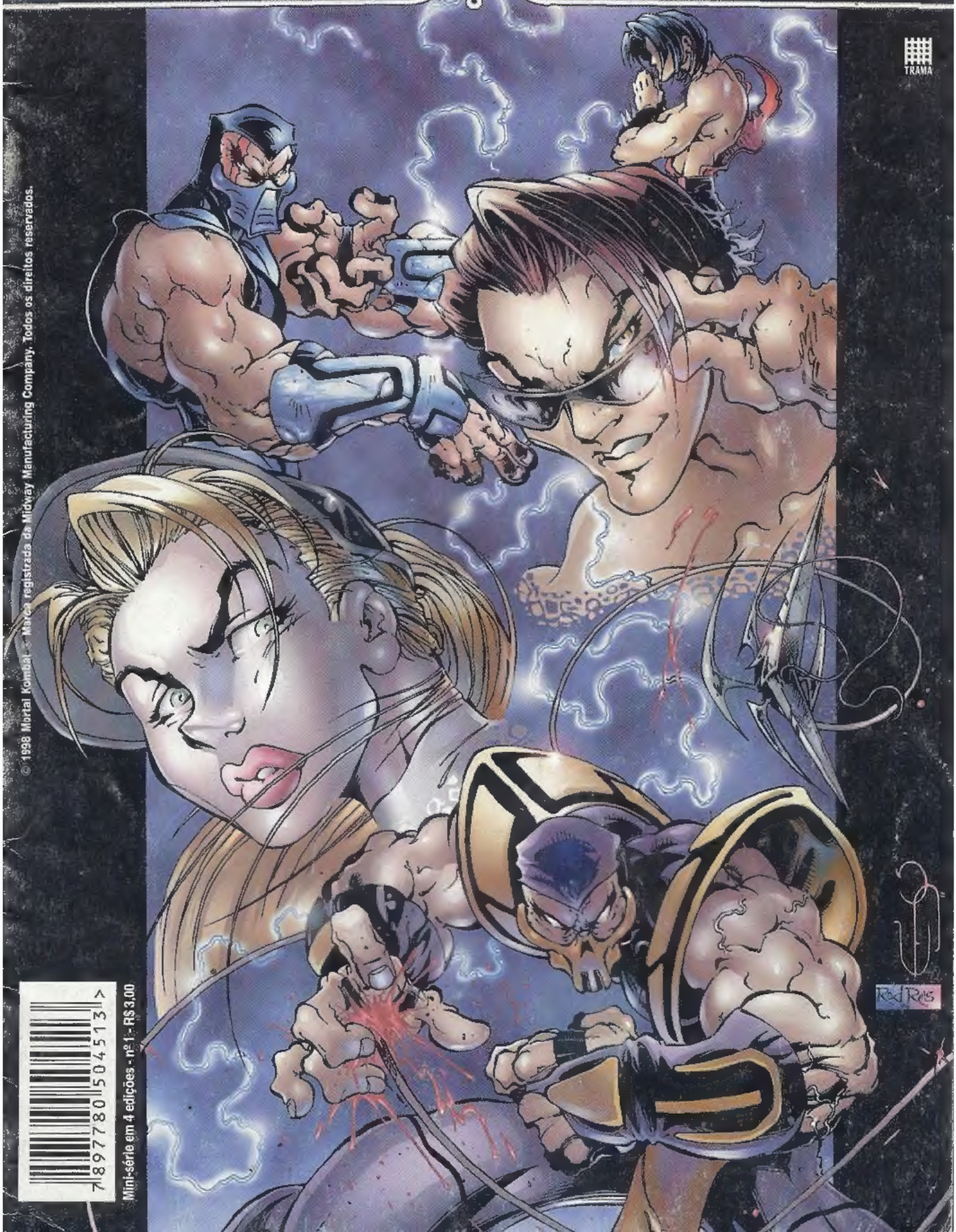

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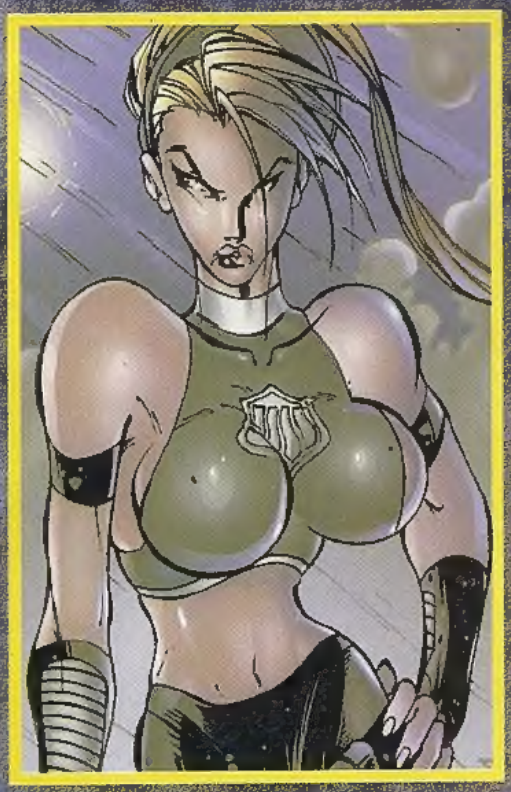

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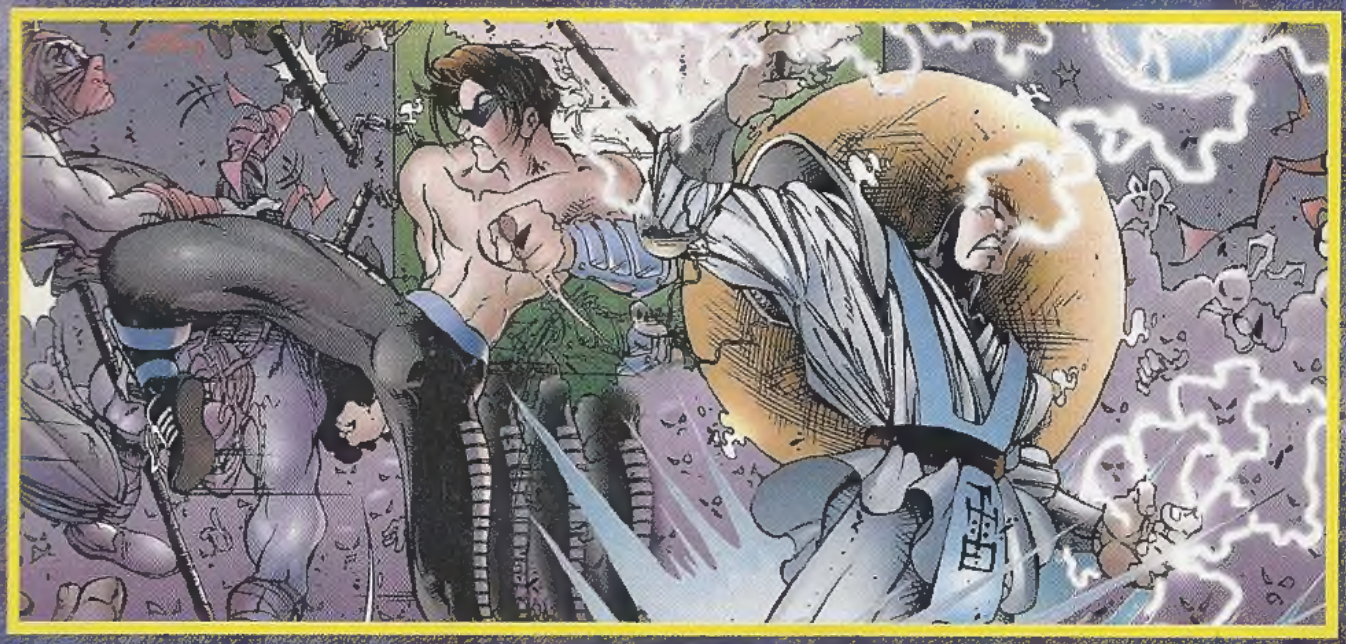

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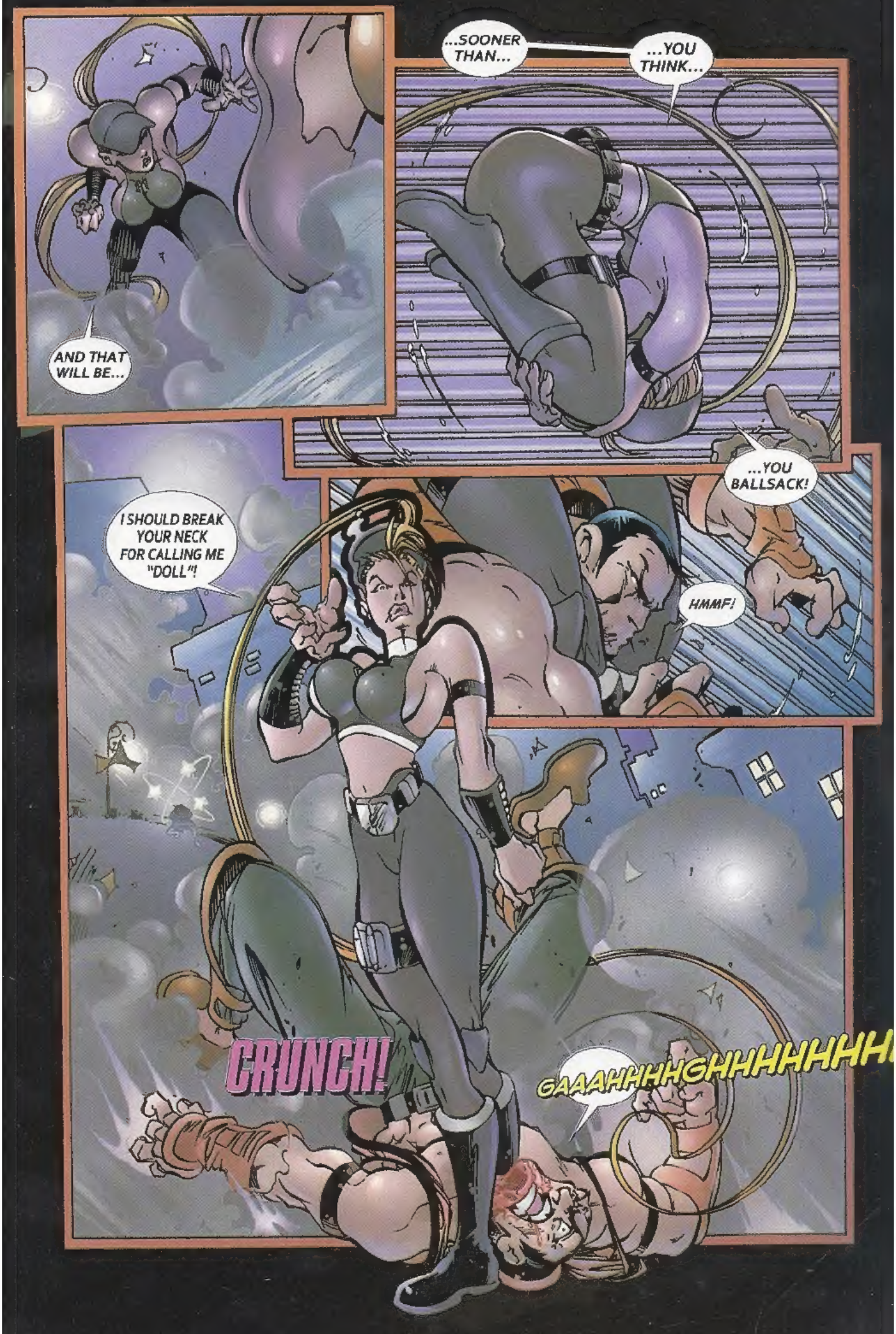
STREETS OF SIDNEY, AUSTRALIA. ALMOST MIDNIGHT.
NOT THE BEST PLACE TO GO JOGGING...
...NOR THE BEST HOUR.
HERE, YOU ONLY RUN FOR ONE REASON...
YOUR LIFE.
WHETHER YOU'RE A VICTIM RUNNING FROM BAD GUYS..
...OR A BAD GUY RUNNING FROM THE COPS.

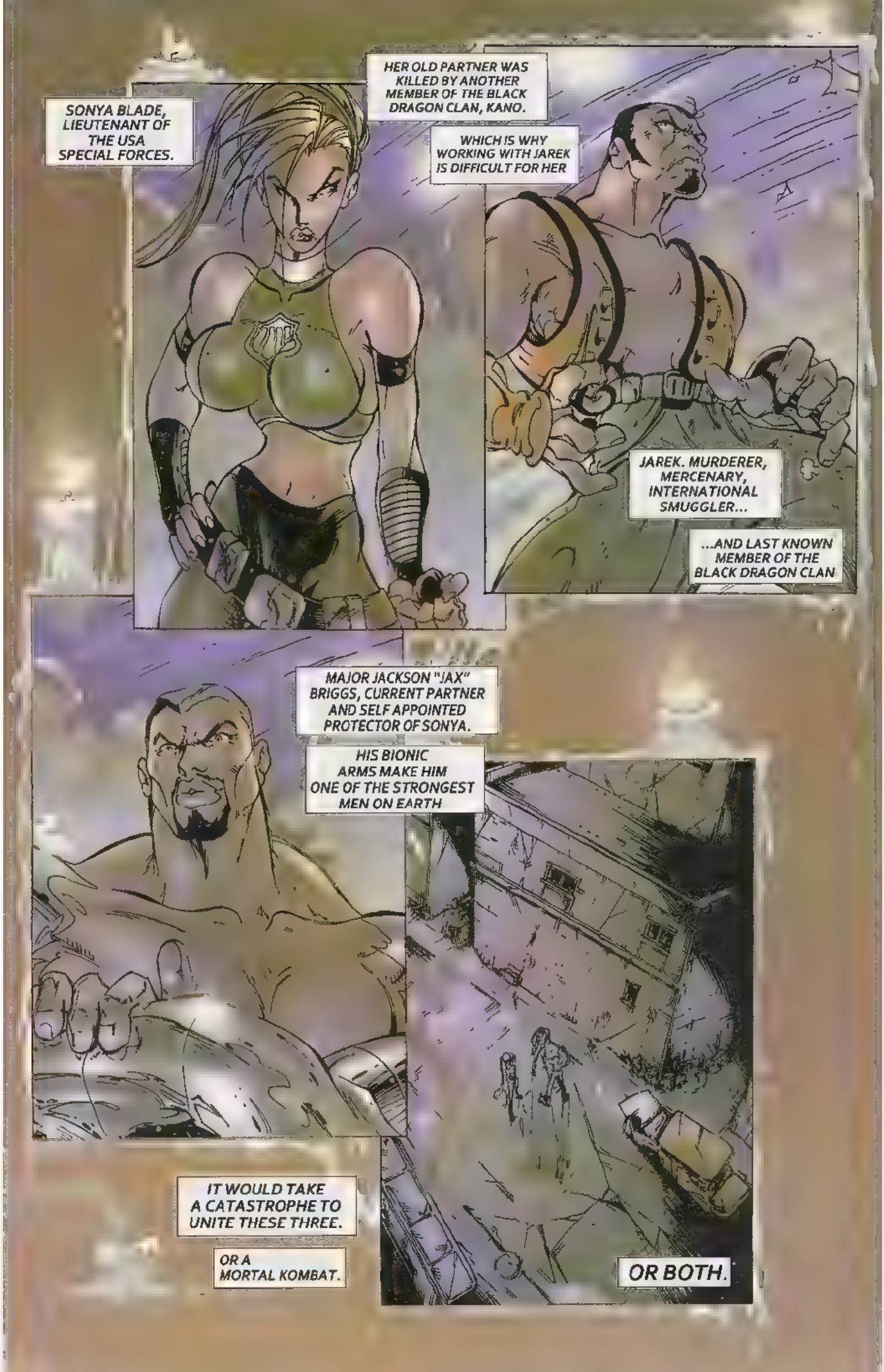
LIKE THIS CASE.
FREEZE, JAREK!
NO WAY, DOLL!

I'M LOCAL, DOLLFACE! THIS IS MY TURF!
YOU'LL BE OUT OF MY SIGHT IN NO TIME!
YOU WANT HER OUT OF YOUR SIGHT?
THAT'S EASY TO ARRANGE!
PAF!
YOU BETTER DO WHAT MY PARTNER TOLD YOU TO DO, BRO!
YOU GET THE DRIFT, OR DO YOU NEED TO GET YOUR HEAD SLAPPED AROUND?
S-SURE, MAN! OK!
NO BRUTALITY!
I'LL STAY PUT, ALRIGHT?
THERE! NOW YOU'RE GETTING SMART!

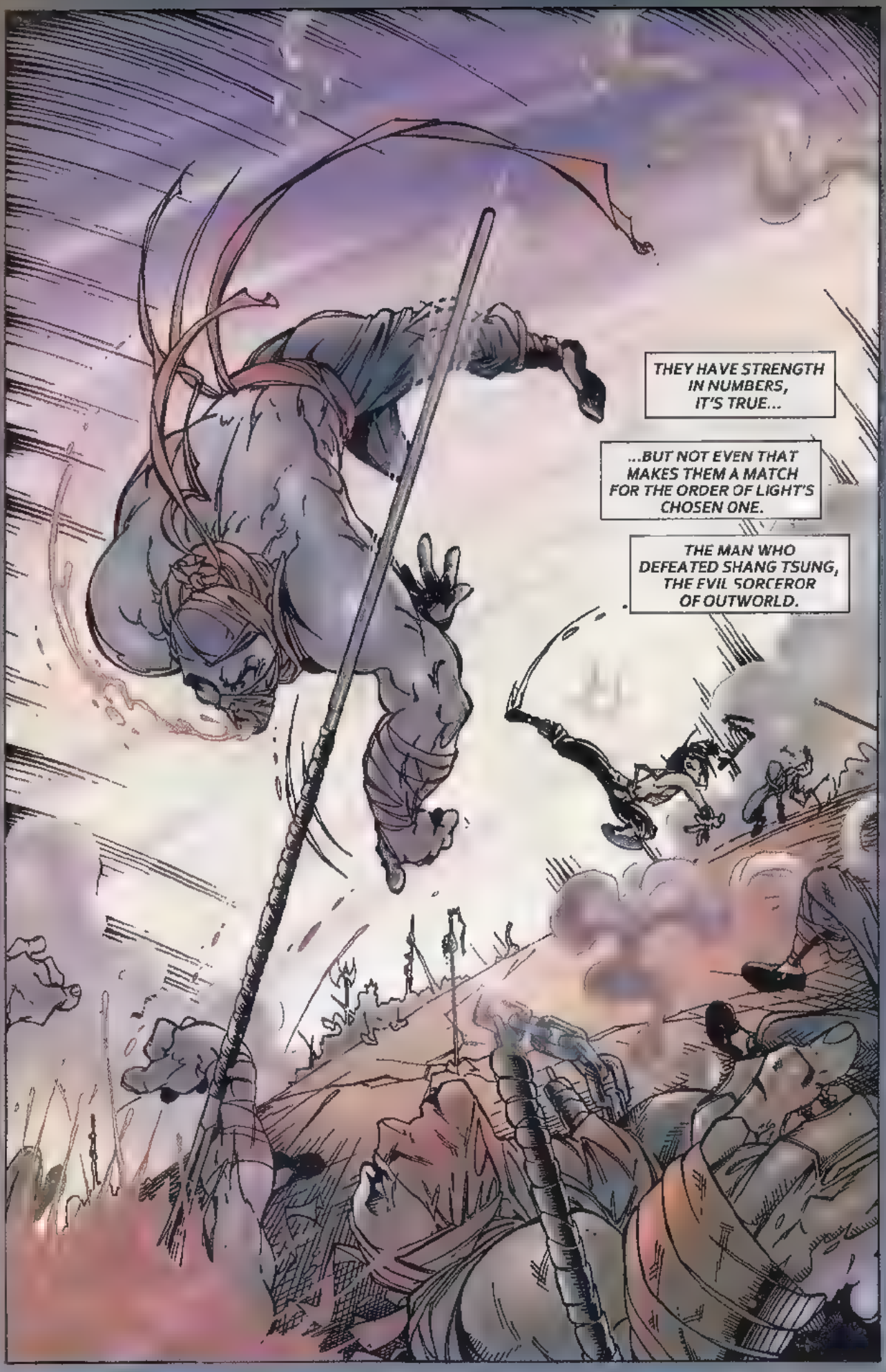
THUMP!
SURE THING, NIGGA!
AH, SONOFABITCH..
CRASH!
CATCH YA LATER, DARKIE! I'LL SEE YOU AROUND!

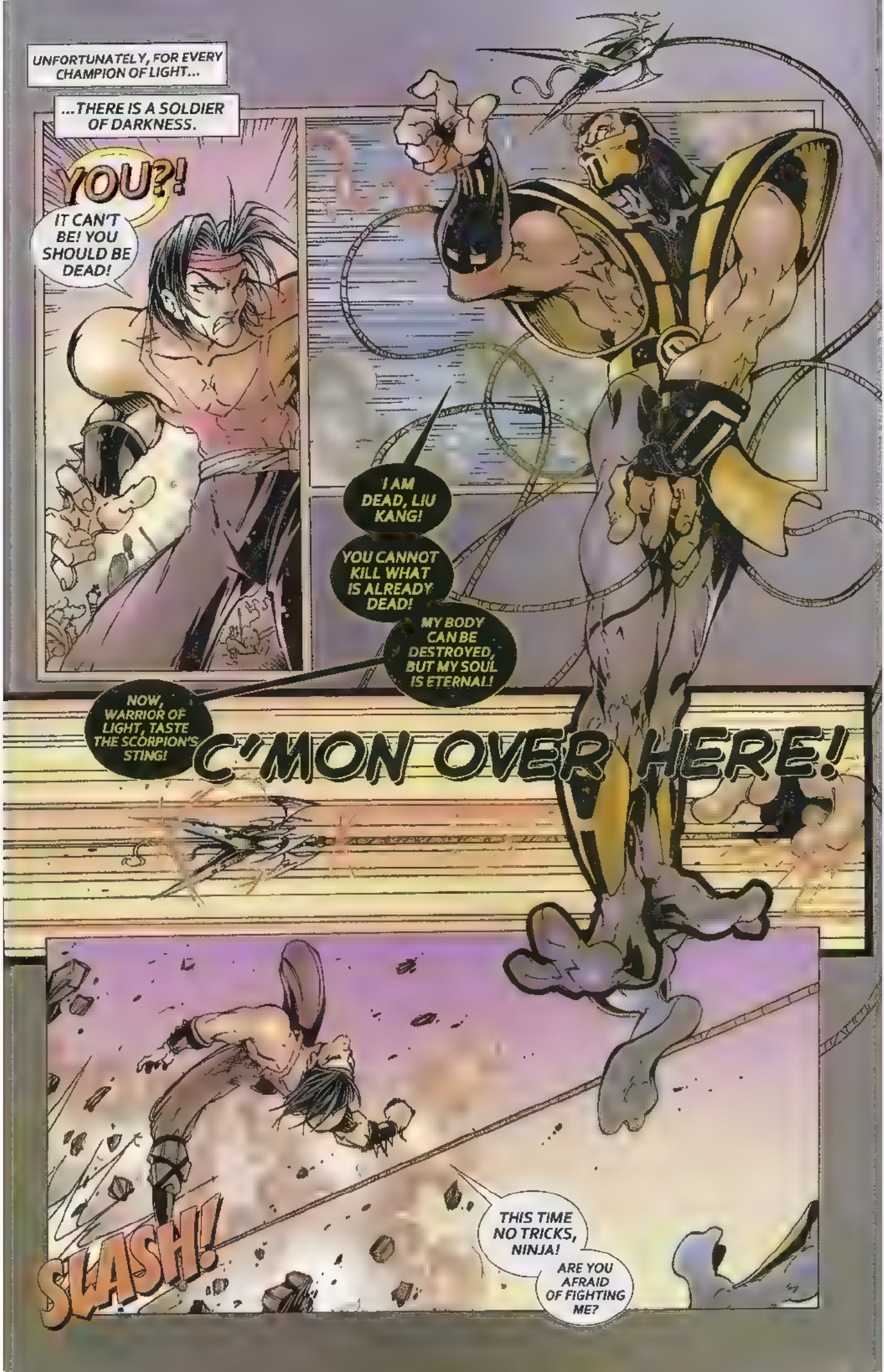

AND THAT WILL BE...
...SOONER THAN...
...YOU THINK...
...YOU BALLSACK!
HMMF!
I SHOULD BREAK YOUR NECK FOR CALLING ME "DOLL"!
CRUNCH!
GAAAHHHHGHHHHHHH

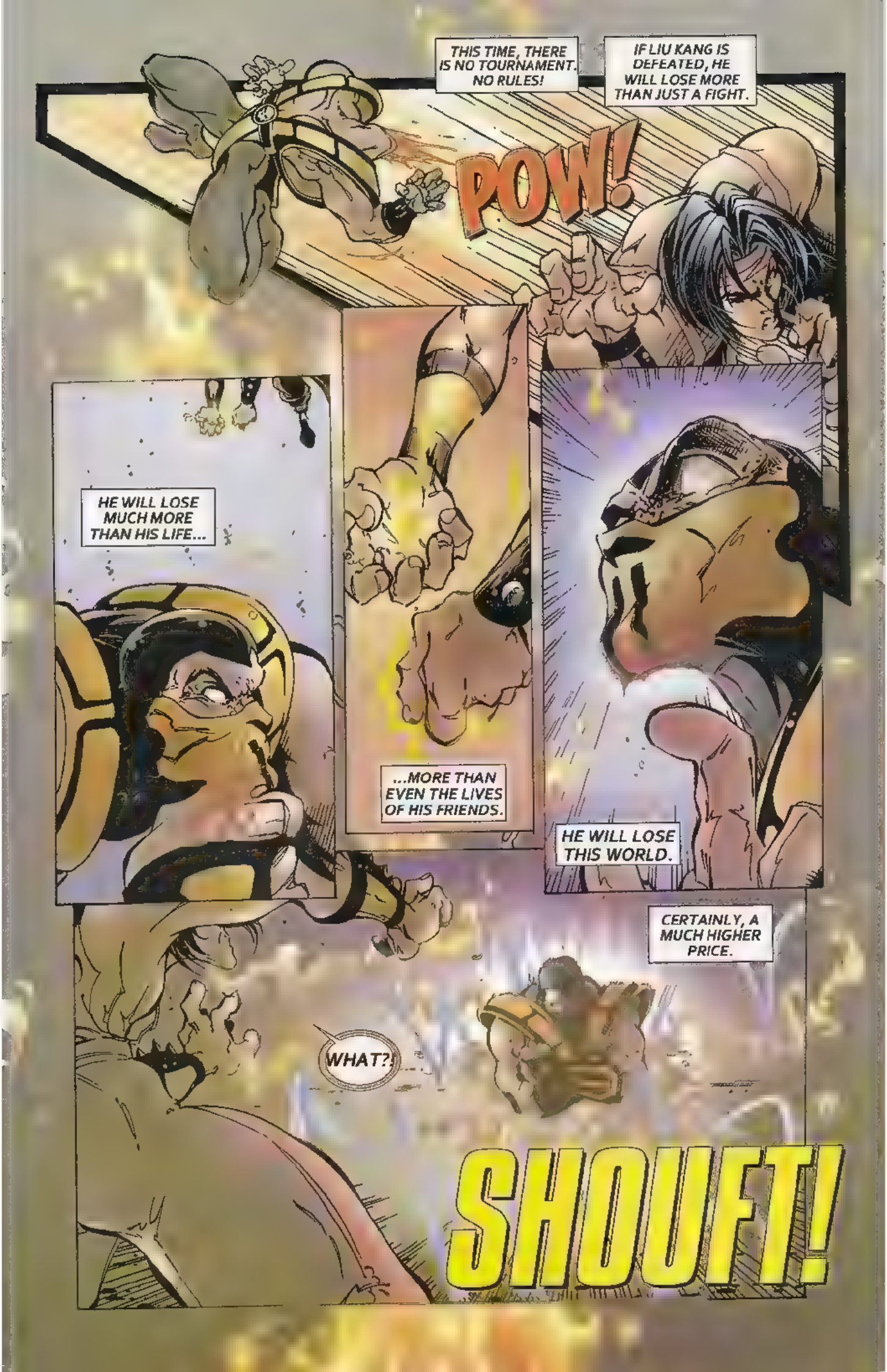
GO EASY, SONYA!
RAYDEN SAID WE NEED HIM ALIVE!
ALIVE...
HELL HAS FROZEN OVER! ME, WORKING WITH A GOD DAMN BLACK DRAGON!
WHETHER HE'S A GOD OR NOT, RAYDEN BETTER HAVE A GOOD EXPLANATION FOR THIS!
LISTEN UP, AUSSIE! I KNOW A THUNDER GOD WHO WANTS TO TALK TO YOU!
SO YOU'RE COMING WITH US, YOU DIG?
THUNDER GOD? YOU'RE JOKING!
NO JOKE, PUNK!
EITHER YOU'RE COMING WITH US, OR I LET MY PARTNER TAKE CARE OF YOU!
AND I WILL LOVE IT, JAREK!
"BUT I'M SPLITTING AS SOON AS I GET THE CHANCE, YOU NUTJOBS" THINKS JAREK.
ALRIGHT! YOU CAN QUIT THAT GOOD COP BAD COP ROUTINE!
I'LL GO WITH YOU!


SONYA BLADE, LIEUTENANT OF THE USA SPECIAL FORCES.
HER OLD PARTNER WAS KILLED BY ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON CLAN, KANO.
WHICH IS WHY WORKING WITH JAREK IS DIFFICULT FOR HER
JAREK. MURDERER, MERCENARY, INTERNATIONAL SMUGGLER...
...AND LAST KNOWN MEMBER OF THE BLACK DRAGON CLAN
MAJOR JACKSON "JAX" BRIGGS, CURRENT PARTNER AND SELF APPOINTED PROTECTOR OF SONYA.
HIS BIONIC ARMS MAKE HIM ONE OF THE STRONGEST MEN ON EARTH
IT WOULD TAKE A CATASTROPHE TO UNITE THESE THREE.
OR A MORTAL KOMBAT.
OR BOTH.

MEANWHILE, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EARTH...
...WE FIND THE GREAT CHAMPION OF MORTAL KOMBAT...
LIU KANG.
HE FACES HORDES OF SHADOW WARRIORS...
...WHO ONCE AGAIN INVADE THE EARTH.

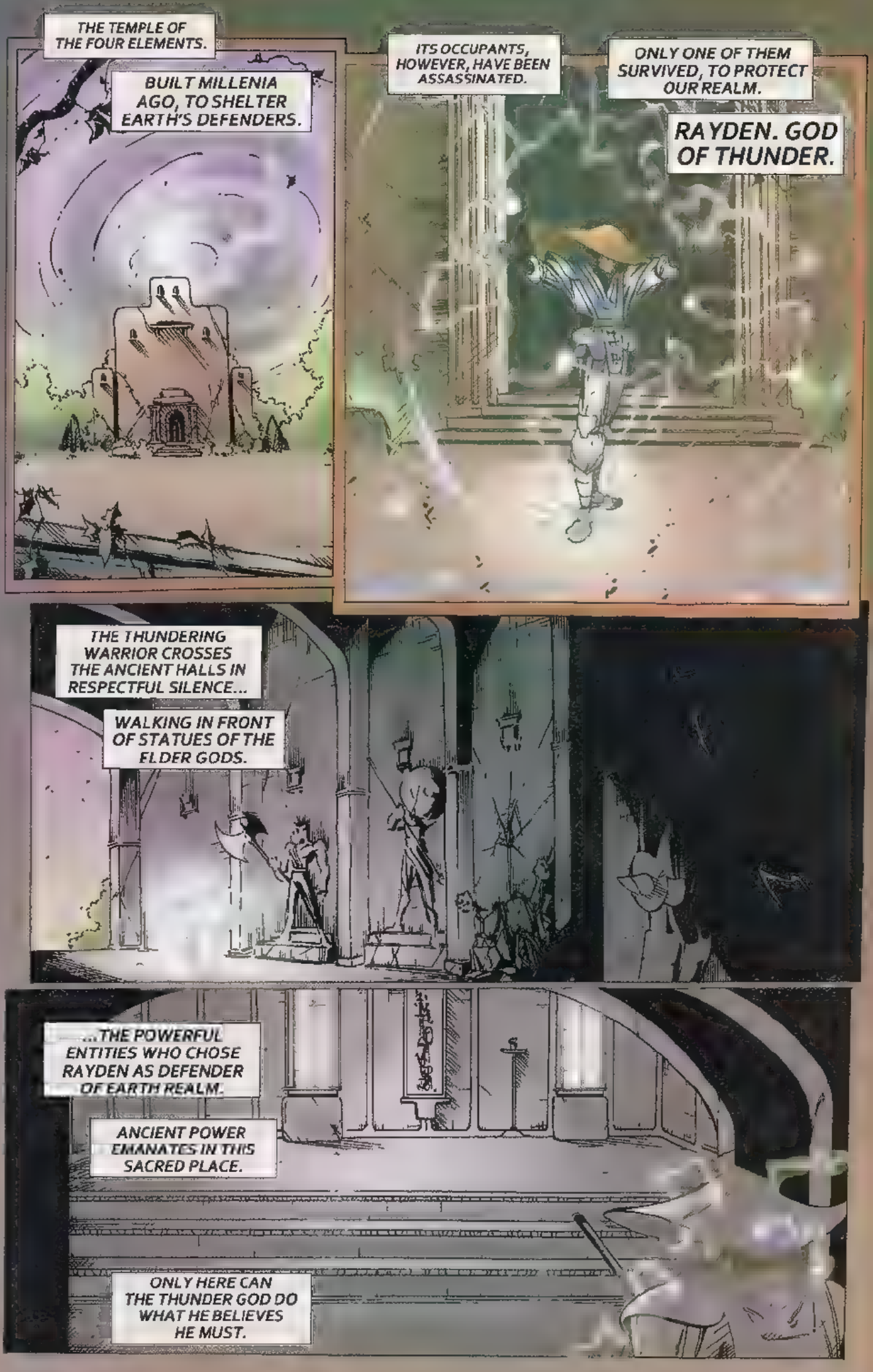

THEY HAVE STRENGTH IN NUMBERS, IT'S TRUE...
...BUT NOT EVEN THAT MAKES THEM A MATCH FOR THE ORDER OF LIGHT'S CHOSEN ONE.
THE MAN WHO DEFEATED SHANG TSUNG, THE EVIL SORCEROR OF OUTWORLD.


UNFORTUNATELY, FOR EVERY CHAMPION OF LIGHT...
...THERE IS A SOLDIER OF DARKNESS.
YOU?!
IT CAN'T BE! YOU SHOULD BE DEAD!
I AM DEAD, LIU KANG!
YOU CANNOT KILL WHAT IS ALREADY DEAD!
MY BODY CAN BE DESTROYED, BUT MY SOUL IS ETERNAL!
NOW, WARRIOR OF LIGHT, TASTE THE SCORPION'S STING!
C'MON OVER HERE!
SLASH!
THIS TIME NO TRICKS, NINJA!
ARE YOU AFRAID OF FIGHTING ME?


THIS TIME, THERE IS NO TOURNAMENT. NO RULES!
IF LIU KANG IS DEFEATED, HE WILL LOSE MORE THAN JUST A FIGHT.
POW!
HE WILL LOSE MUCH MORE THAN HIS LIFE...
...MORE THAN EVEN THE LIVES OF HIS FRIENDS.
HE WILL LOSE THIS WORLD.
CERTAINLY, A MUCH HIGHER PRICE.
WHAT?!
SHOUFT!

AS ALWAYS, LIU KANG, YOU FOUGHT WELL...!
...BUT HOW DO YOU INTEND TO DEFEAT AN ARMY?
HA,HA,HA,HA,HA,HA
NO! NOT AGAIN!
WHAT! ICE?!
AND FRIENDS, TOO!
WHO AMONGST YOU DARES TO BE NEXT?
BEHOLD SERVANTS OF EVIL! YOUR LEADER SCORPION HAS

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, KAI! HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU FOR MONTHS, LIU KANG!
I HAD TO STOP MY TRACKING WHEN THOSE STRANGE WARRIORS BEGAN TO APPEAR!
THEN THIS BLUE NINJA CAME TO ME SAYING YOU NEEDED MY HELP!
SUB-ZERO? BUT WHY?
SPEAKING OF RUNNING, DID YOU SEE HOW FAST THAT "SCORPION" GUY ESCAPED?
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS INVASION?
IT WOULD BE BEST TO ASK RAYDEN...
...BUT HE SAID HE HAD A SPECIAL MISSION!


THE TEMPLE OF THE FOUR ELEMENTS.
BUILT MILLENIA AGO, TO SHELTER EARTH'S DEFENDERS.
ITS OCCUPANTS, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN ASSASSINATED.
ONLY ONE OF THEM SURVIVED, TO PROTECT OUR REALM.
RAYDEN. GOD OF THUNDER.
THE THUNDERING WARRIOR CROSSES THE ANCIENT HALLS IN RESPECTFUL SILENCE...
WALKING IN FRONT OF STATUES OF THE ELDER GODS.
...THE POWERFUL ENTITIES WHO CHOSE RAYDEN AS DEFENDER OF EARTH REALM.
ANCIENT POWER EMANATES IN THIS SACRED PLACE.
ONLY HERE CAN THE THUNDER GOD DO WHAT HE BELIEVES HE MUST.

RRUMMBLERRRRRUUUMMBL
BY THE POWER TRUSTED ONTO ME BY THE ELDER GODS
I NOW SUMMON A POWERFUL WARRIOR OF GOOD
A NECESSARY WARRIOR IN THIS HOUR OF GREAT PERIL
I, RAYDEN, PROTECTOR OF EARTHREALM, ORDER THE RETURN OF
WHOA!
JOHNNY CAGE!
AND SO, THE ASTONISHING ENERGIES FROM THE TEMPLE HELP RAYDEN TO DO...
...THE IMPOSSIBLE.

DUDE, MY BRAIN FEELS SCRAMBLED!
CAN SOMEONE TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
I BROUGHT YOU BACK FROM THE REALM OF DEATH, JOHNNY CAGE!
"WHEN SHAO KAHN AND HIS LEGIONS ATTEMPTED TO INVADE THE EARTH REALM..."
"...I SUMMONED YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO STOP THE TYRANT."
WE MANAGED TO DESTROY THE VILLAIN AND SEND HIS WARRIORS BACK TO OUTWORLD."
"THE PRICE WAS HIGH YOU WERE KILLED AT THE HANDS OF SHAO KAHN HIMSELF..."
"...BUT THE END COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE."

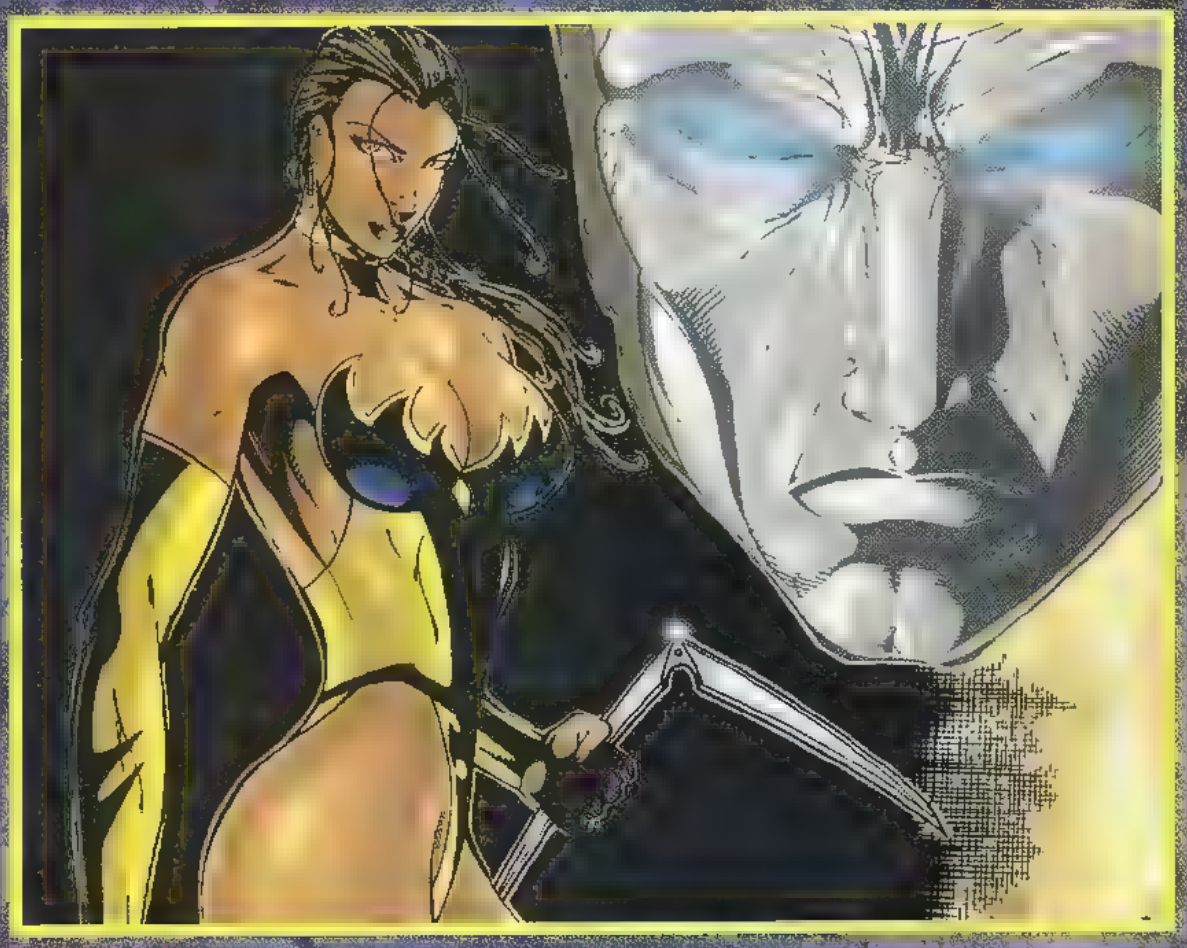
SOMETHING FAR GREATER THAN ALL PREVIOUS MORTAL KOMBATS!
AND SO, JOHNNY CAGE, HAD TO MAKE YOU FROM NO IF DESERVED ETERNAL SLUMBER!
AND NOW ANOTHER THREAT HAS SURFACED- ONE WORSE THAN SHAO KAHN.
UH... OK, WHATEVER! YOU'RE THE BOSS!
YOU SAID SOMEONE WORSE THAN SHAO KAHN? PRETTY BAD THEN, HUH?
WHO COULD BE WORSE THAN THAT?
MAYBE THE GUY WHO SENT THOSE SOLDIERS THERE, YO!
SOLDI ..?
I SEE, YET I CANNOT BELIEVE!
THE FORCES OF EVIL DARE TO ATTACK ME HERE? IN MY PLACE OF POWER?!
THE DANGER IS FAR GREATER THAN I FEARED, JOHNNY CAGE
PREPARE YOURSELF. A NEW MORTAL KOMBAT WILL BEGIN
"AH, NO SWEAT! I NEEDED A WARM UP, ANYWAY..."

THESE SOLDIERS ARE WITNESSING THE RARE OCCASION OF THE THUNDER GOD'S WRATH...
...AND THE RETURN OF JOHNNY CAGE, THE GREATEST MARTIAL ARTS STAR SINCE BRUCE LEE!
OBVIOUSLY, THEY DON'T HAVE A LOT OF REASONS TO BE HAPPY ABOUT IT.

THE THUNDERER IS FURIOUS WITH THIS VIOLATION OF HIS HOLY PLACE.
CAGE FIGHTS FOR HIMSELF, BUT ALSO FOR HIS FRIENDS AND HIS REALM
BOTH HAVE TRUE AND JUST REASONS. THIS IS THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH OF A KOMBATANT.
WHETHER A SIMPLE MORTAL, OR A RAGING GOD.

DAMN! WHAT IS THIS, WIND?!
A WIND UNLIKE ANY OTHER, JOHNNY CAGE!
IT CAN ONLY BE THE WORK OF ONE PERSON...
FUJIN! GOD OF WINDS!
MORTAL KOMBAT 4 HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN...

Tanya:
CONFESSIONS



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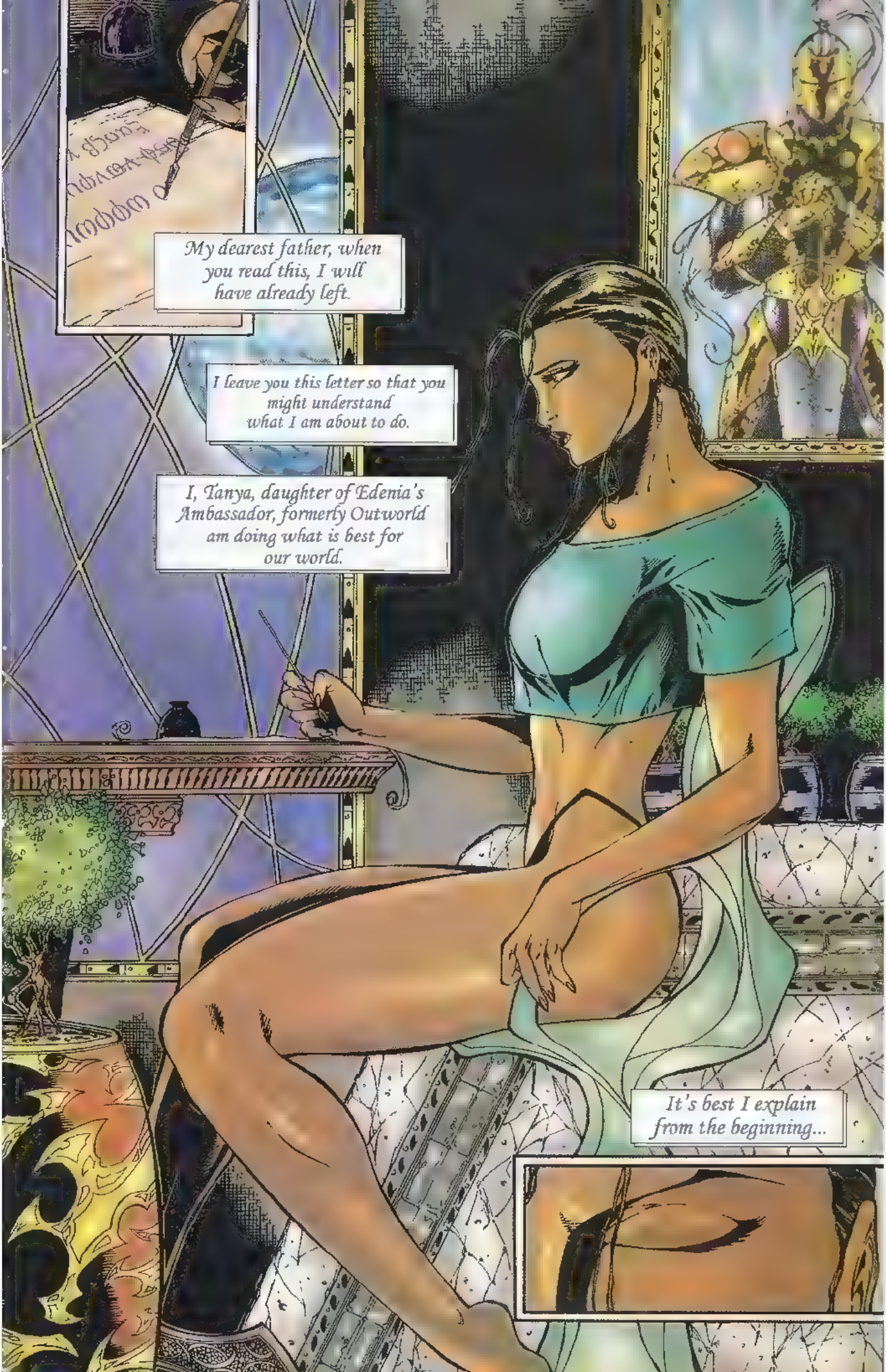
My dearest father, when you read this, I will have already left.
I leave you this letter so that you might understand what I am about to do.
I, Tanya, daughter of Edenia's Ambassador, formerly Outworld am doing what is best for our world.
It's best I explain from the beginning...

Months ago, I helped a group of refugees to enter our world through one of Queen Sindel's abandoned portals.
They came from the Nether Realm, the world also known as Hell.
I believed them to be fugitives, seeking asylum or refuge. So, I helped them as you had taught me.
I was mistaken.

The "refugees" were, in fact, Shinnok and his generals.
Through the portal opened with my help, the mad God took over our world.
Rayden, Princess Kitana and our supposed protector Liu Kang did nothing!
The fault is mine, I know this.
It was my duty to do something for my people.
I knew what I had to do.
My only option.

I made a deal with Shinnok.
I will hep him to defeat Rayden's allies when he attacks the Elder Gods.
In exchange, after he conquers the realm of the Gods, Shinnok will release Edenia and its inhabitants.
Worry not, my father. I know what I am doing.
I will return here, when Shinnok fulfills his promise and Liu Kang, the false protector, is dead.
And everything will be the way it was.
This, I swear.
I will see you, father.

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NATIVES OF THE NETHER REALM, THE PLACE WE CALL HELL.
MYSTICALLY ALTERED TO APPEAR MORE LIKE "HUMANS"...
SHINNOK'S FORCES.
CRUEL, AND RUTHLESS WARRIORS.
BUT THEY ARE STILL DEMONS.
NO COMMON MORTAL CAN STOP THEM.
BUT THESE DEMONS' ENEMY IS NOT COMMON.
NOR MORTAL.
THESE HELLSPAWN SOLDIERS ARE FACING A GOD.
A REVENGE THIRSTY GOD.

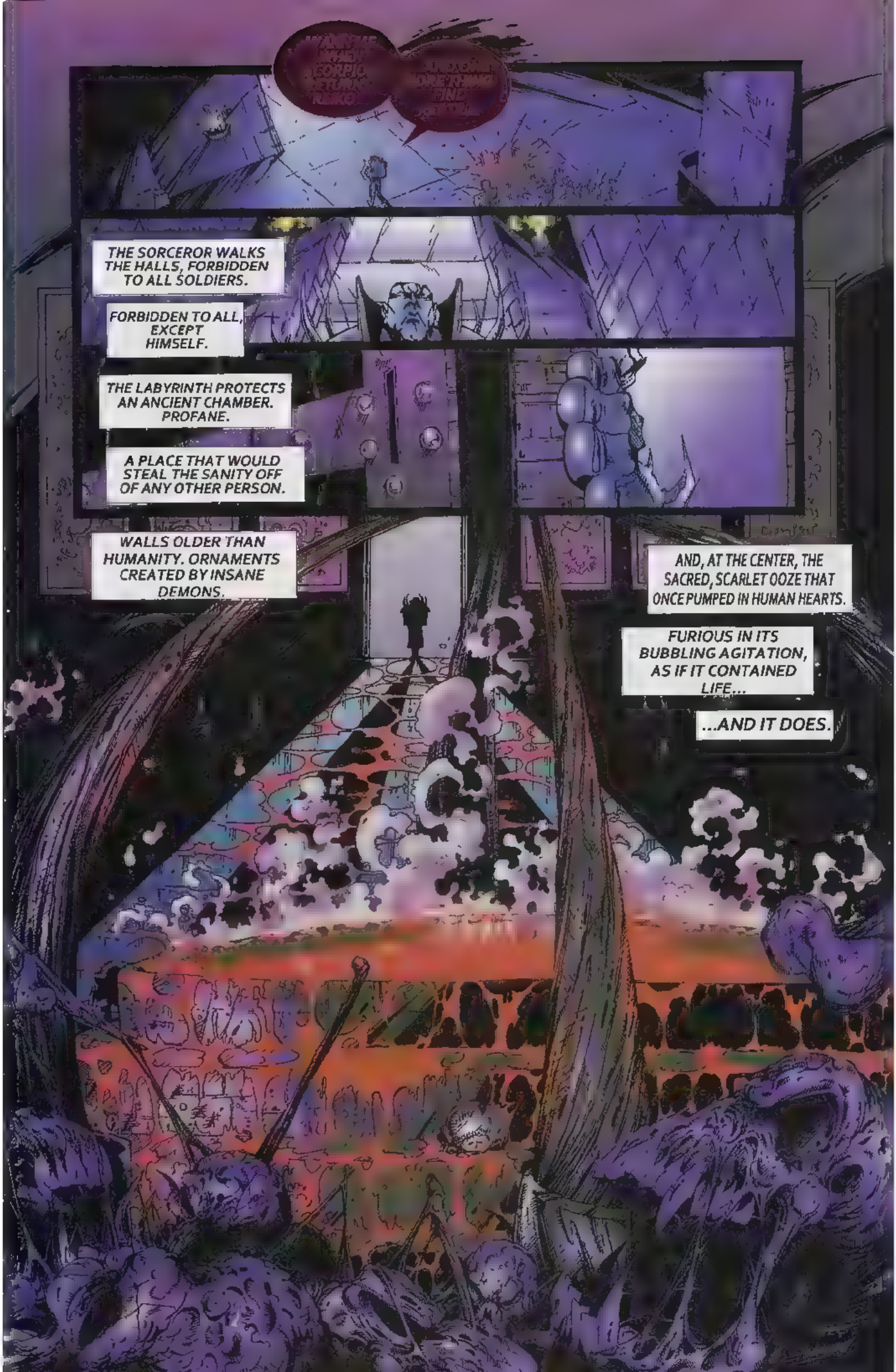
HE IS FUJIN, GOD OF WINDS
SURVIVOR OF THE MASSACRE WHICH WIPED OUT THE OTHER GODS.
HIS CELESTIAL BROTHERS WERE KILLED BY SHINNOK
FUJIN WISHED FOR A SECOND CHANCE TO FIGHT THE MAD GOD.
TODAY, HIS PRAYER HAS BEEN ANSWERED.
SWISH!
REIGN
TO THE GOD OF WINDS, THESE SOLDIERS ARE BUT A NUISANCE.
FUJIN WANTS TO PERSONALLY FIND THE EVIL LEADER OF THESE MAN-DEMONS.

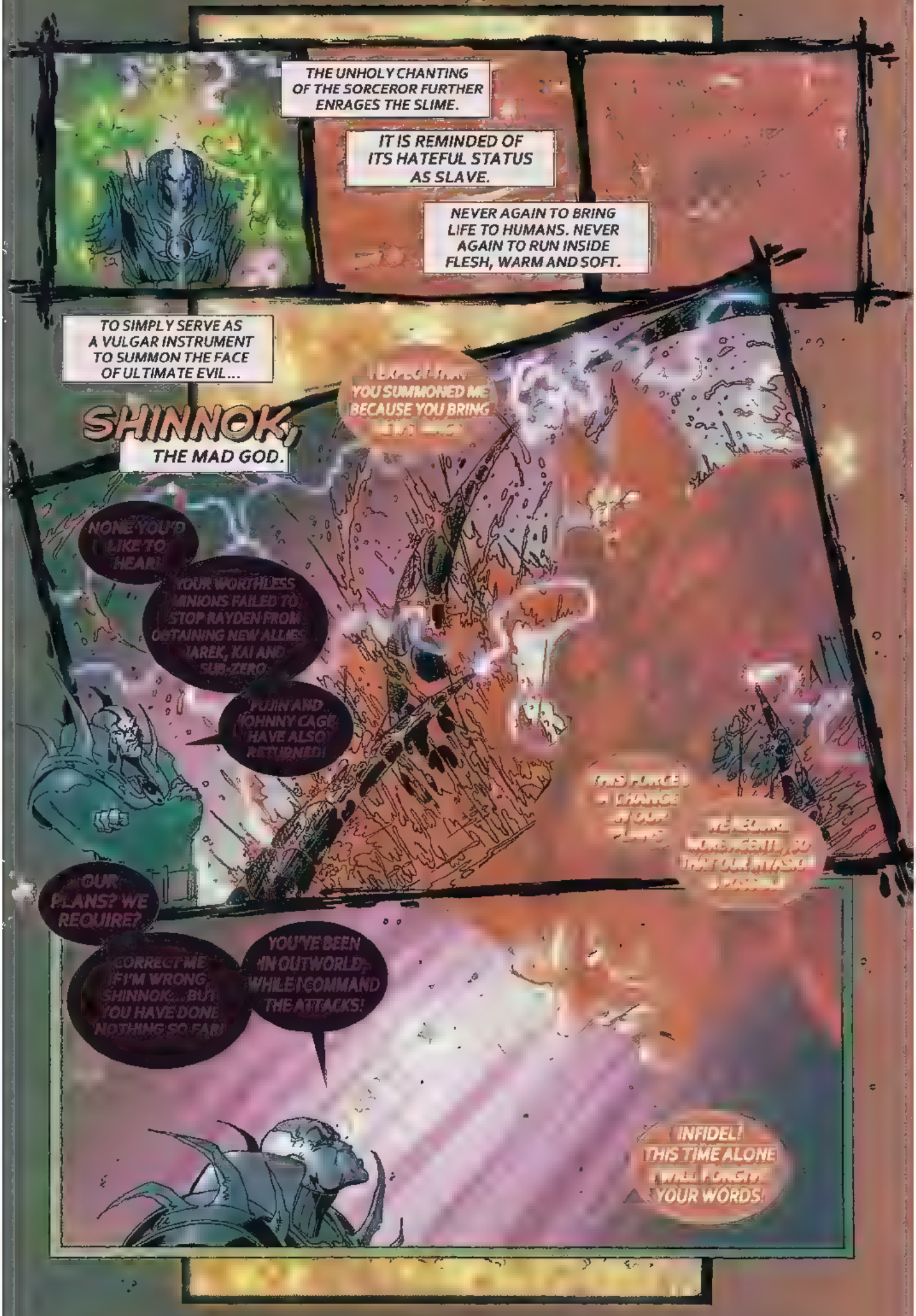
AND THIS TIME, HE WONT BE ALONE. HE WILL HAVE ALLIES.
ALLIES LIKE JOHNNY CAGE, BROUGHT BACK FROM DEATH TO FIGHT IN THIS NEW MORTAL KOMBAT.
HOLY CRAP! I HAVEN'T SEEN SO MANY NINJAS SINCE MY FILM "FISTS OF VENGEANCE VI"!
FWOSHH
AT LEAST I HAD COFFEE BREAKS WHILE FILMING!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, RAYDEN? CAN YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
ACTUALLY JOHNNY CAGE...
YES!
RRRRRRRR
WAIT, HE COULD HAVE DONE THAT...?
ALL ALONG? OF COURSE, MY MORTAL FRIEND!
RAYDEN WAS SIMPLY ALLOWING US ALL SOME SATISFYING MOMENTS OF BATTLE!
NOW WE SHALL FIND YOUR FRIENDS! RAYDEN SEEMS TO BE IN A HURRY!

ANOTHER PLACE. ANOTHER REALITY.
HE IS QUAN CHI, THE SORCEROR.
RIGHT ARM TO SHINNOK HIMSELF.
THE FULL EXTENSION OF HIS POWERS IS UNKNOWN. EVERYTHING ABOUT QUAN CHI IS A MYSTERY.
FEW DARED TO OPPOSE HIM.
FEWER STILL SURVIVED.
REIKO NOW!
THESE ARE THE SOLDIERS SENT TO DESTROY LIU KANG...
...OR WHAT IS LEFT OF THEM, THANKS TO THAT ACCURSED SCORPION ABANDONING HIS POST!
I ASK YOUR PERMISSION TO HUNT DOWN AND DESTROY THAT COWARD, SIR!
REIKO. GENERAL OF THE EXTERMINATION SQUADS OF OUTWORLD.
RUTHLESS POACHER OF TRAITORS. EVER HUNGRY FOR NEW PREY.
REIKO WAS THOUGHT DEAD...
...BUT, AS YOU CAN SEE, HE IS ALIVE AND WELL.

BECAUSE OF HIM, THE CHOSEN ONE NOW HAS THE SUPPORT OF KAI AND SUB-ZERO!
HERE IS THE SOLDIER WHO HAS BROUGHT US THIS INFORMATION!
Y-YES, SIR! I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW...
SCORPION WILL BE PUNISHED WHEN I SAY SO, REIKO!
AS FOR YOU, SOLDIER... DID YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT THAT INFORMATION WOULD MAKE UP FOR YOUR COWARDICE?
B-BUT... SIR...
WITH SCORPION'S ESCAPE AND THE ARRIVAL OF THE CHOSEN'S ALLIES, OUR DEFEAT WAS CERTAIN!
AND SO YOU THOUGHT BETTER TO RUN! RUN AND SAVE YOUR MISERABLE UNLIVES, INSTEAD OF FIGHTING TO THE DEATH!
DEMON SOLDIERS RUNNING SCARED

QUAN CHI KNOWS WHAT MUST BE DONE.
PERHAPS THE SOLDIER KNOWS IT AS WELL.
THE TROOPS NEED AN EXAMPLE TO SHOW THAT COWARDICE IS NOT AN OPTION.
BUT DEATH, IS.
GRUNNGORGAGP!!
SHANNOK'S SOLDIERS DO NOT RUN NOR SURRENDER!
EITHER YOU KILL, OR YOU NO LONGER DESERVE TO LIVE!
REIKO IS UNIMPRESSED BY THE PUNISHMENT. HE HIMSELF HAS DONE FAR WORSE.


THE SORCEROR WALKS THE HALLS, FORBIDDEN TO ALL SOLDIERS.
FORBIDDEN TO ALL, EXCEPT HIMSELF.
THE LABYRINTH PROTECTS AN ANCIENT CHAMBER. PROFANE.
A PLACE THAT WOULD STEAL THE SANITY OFF OF ANY OTHER PERSON.
WALLS OLDER THAN HUMANITY. ORNAMENTS CREATED BY INSANE DEMONS.
AND, AT THE CENTER, THE SACRED, SCARLET OOZE THAT ONCE PUMPED IN HUMAN HEARTS.
FURIOUS IN ITS BUBBLING AGITATION, AS IF IT CONTAINED LIFE...
...AND IT DOES.


THE UNHOLY CHANTING OF THE SORCEROR FURTHER ENRAGES THE SLIME.
IT IS REMINDED OF ITS HATEFUL STATUS AS SLAVE.
NEVER AGAIN TO BRING LIFE TO HUMANS. NEVER AGAIN TO RUN INSIDE FLESH, WARM AND SOFT.
TO SIMPLY SERVE AS A VULGAR INSTRUMENT TO SUMMON THE FACE OF ULTIMATE EVIL...
SHINNOK, THE MAD GOD.
I EXPECT THAN YOU SUMMONED ME BECAUSE YOU BRING
NONE YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR!
YOUR WORTHLESS MINIONS FAILED TO STOP RAYDEN FROM OBTAINING NEW ALLIES JAREK, KAI AND SUB-ZERO.
FUJIN AND JOHNNY CAGE HAVE ALSO RETURNED!
THIS PLACE IS CHANGE IN OUR PLANS
WE BELIEVE WHO WILL DO FOR OUR MASS
OUR PLANS? WE REQUIRE?
CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, SHINNOK... BUT YOU HAVE DONE NOTHING SO FAR!
YOU'VE BEEN IN OUTWORLD, WHILE I COMMAND THE ATTACKS!
INFIDEL! THIS TIME ALONE WILL FORGIVE YOUR WORDS

DEAD!
AND PRAY TELL, DOES THE GREAT SHINNOK KNOW HOW I CAN FIND SUCH WARRIORS?
USE MY RESOURCES, EH? IF HE WANTS THE GREATEST FIGHTERS, HE WILL HAVE THEM!
AND WHILE THE MAD SHINNOK IS BUSY WITH HIS FOOLS MATTERS, MY PLANT ALMOST COMPLETE
QUAN CHI KNOWS THAT, NORMALLY, CONSPIRING AGAINST A GOD WOULD BE PURE MADNESS
BUT NOT WHEN THE GOD IN QUESTION IS MAD, HIMSELF

IN HIS QUEST FOR VENGEANCE, SHINNOK HAS SURROUNDED HIMSELF WITH DEADLY SERVANTS..
SCORPION... REIKO... QUAN CHI... REPTILE...
EVEN THE BEAUTIFUL AND FORMERLY HONORABLE WARRIOR TANYA IS NOW AT HIS COMMAND.
BUT, IN HIS MADNESS AND ARROGANCE, SHINNOK HAS FAILED TO SEE ONE THING...
THERE ARE CREATURES WHO ARE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS THAN THESE KOMBATANTS...
CREATURES THAT QUAN CHI IS ABOUT TO SUMMON... AT HIS COMMAND.
Rod Reis '98

BUT NOT EVERYTHING IS HATE AND DECEPTION AMONGST THE KOMBATANTS.
BACK AT THE TEMPLE OF LIGHT, WE WITNESS A HEART WARMING REUNION.
THEN ENJOY THE GRIND, STUD, 'CAUSE I'M GOING TO KICK YOUR ASS!
DAMN IT, JOHNNY! I SAW YOU GET TORN TO PIECES BY SHAO KAHN!
IT WAS AWFUL! I ALMOST CRIED!
CALM DOWN, SONYA! THESE ARE NEW SUNGLASSES!
IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, JOHNNY! WE ALL MISSED YOU!
WOW! TO GET A HUG LIKE THIS, DYING WAS ACTUALLY WORTH IT!
IT'S GREAT THAT THE ACTOR IS BACK, AND ALL...
MAKE UP FOR HIS MISTAKES WHICH LEAD
DO NOT FOR MY LOYALTY
PREVIOUS SUB-ZERO! MY FALLEN BROTHER!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THAT COLD NINJA, THERE? WASN'T HE DEAD TOO?
WORSE THAN THAT, WASN'T HE ONE OF THE BAD GUYS?
A NINJA WITH BLUE PJs, HUH?
YOU JUST NEED A LITTLE NIGHT CAP, NOW!
HA
SOF
ARG!
URGH!
HIYAH!

NOW LISTEN CLOSELY MY KOMBATANTS, FOR TIME IS RUNNING OUT, AND I WONT BE ABLE TO SPEAK TO
AS I SAID BEFORE, THIS NEW MORTAL KOMBAT WIL BRING FORTH DANCERS FAR GREATER THAN ALL PREVIOUS TOURNAMENTS
THIS TIME, YOU WILL NOT JUST BE FIGHTIN FOR THIS WORLD YOU
MILLENIA AGO, I BANNED
UNFORTUNATELY THE MAD GOD DEFEATED THE RULER OF THE NETHER REALM AND
INTERFERENCE FROM THE ELDER GODS, SHINNOK CANNOT CREATE PORTALS FROM THE NETHERREALM TO EARTH REALM
HOWEVER DURING THE MOST RECENT MORTAL
WEAKENED BY SHAO KAHN
THERE
NLY ONE WAY TO REAC THE ELDER GODS THROUGH THE TEMPLE OF LIGHT!
THIS TEMPLE!
AND SO, WE MUST S OP ALL
FORCES WHO TRY TO
SACRED HALLS
WITH THE
OF THE SOR
ON AND TAKEN
AND NOW
MARCH AGAINST THE ELDER GODS!

WITH YOJR HELP, I CAN STOP THE MAD GOD SHINNOK FOREVER!
NOW GO, KOMBATANTS! THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE LIES IN YOUR FISTS!
YOU HEARD THE MAN, PEOPLE! LETS ROLL OUT OF...
HEY, JAX! WHERE IS JAREK?
I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT PUNK SINCE RAYDEN STARTED TALKING!
I KNEW IT! YOU CAN'T TRUST A DAMN BLACK DRAGON!
LETS FIND THAT SON OF A...
HAH! YOU'RE ALRIGHT, SUB-ZERO!
NOW THAT'S COOL, MAN! HOW LONG WILL HE BE LIKE THAT?

KAI LEARNED TO FIGHT FROM THE GREATEST MARTIAL ARTS MASTERS.
HE MIGHT EVEN BE AS GOOD AS HIS FRIEND LIU KANG.
YET HE IS STILL TENSE. WORRIED.
IT COULD NOT BE DIFFERENT. THIS IS STILL HIS FIRST MORTAL KOMBAT.
EVEN THE MOST SERENE SHAOLIN MONK WOULD BE NERVOUS IN HIS PLACE.
CLICK
HE FEELS EYES ON HIS BACK. HE IS STARTLED BY IMAGINARY SOUNDS.
KAI KNOWS HE WILL FACE UNTOLD DANGERS.
TECHNIQUES HE LEARNED TO DEFEAT COMMON MEN WILL BE USELESS.
YRI
TODAY HIS OPPONENTS ARE MONSTERS. THINGS TAKEN FROM NIGHTMARES.
LIKE THAT CLASSIC NIGHTMARE WHERE THE MONSTER IS ALMOST REACHING YOU...

...AND YOU WAKE UP.
YOU MUST BE REPTILE, THE TRAITOR!
SHOOM
I WAS WARNED OF YOUR DIRTY TRICKS!
BECOMING INVISIBLE WILL NOT ALWAYS BE ENOUGH, BEAST!
GRRR
INDEED, KAI WAS TOLD BY LIU KANG ABOUT THE TREACHEROUS REPTILE...
...BUT SIMPLE WORDS COULD NOT PREPARE HIM FOR THIS LOAD.
CRK

DESPITE HIS ANIMALISTIC FEATURES, REPTILE IS NOT DUMB.
RRROF
HE HAS CHOSEN KAI AS A VICTIM AFTER SMELLING HIS FEAR...
INSECURITY...
KRAKKT
A FEARFUL PREY IS AN EASIER OPPONENT.
KCHAN
BUT, THIS TIME, REPTILE IS MISTAKEN.
KAI DOES NOT FEAR FOR HIMSELF.
UMPH
HE FEARS FOR HIS FRIENDS. HIS WORLD.
AND THIS KIND OF FEAR ONLY MAKES YOU STRONGER.
VOOM
FINISH HIM
REPTILE COULD NEVER UNDERSTAND SUCH A THING...
...AND HE WON'T LIVE TO FIND OUT.

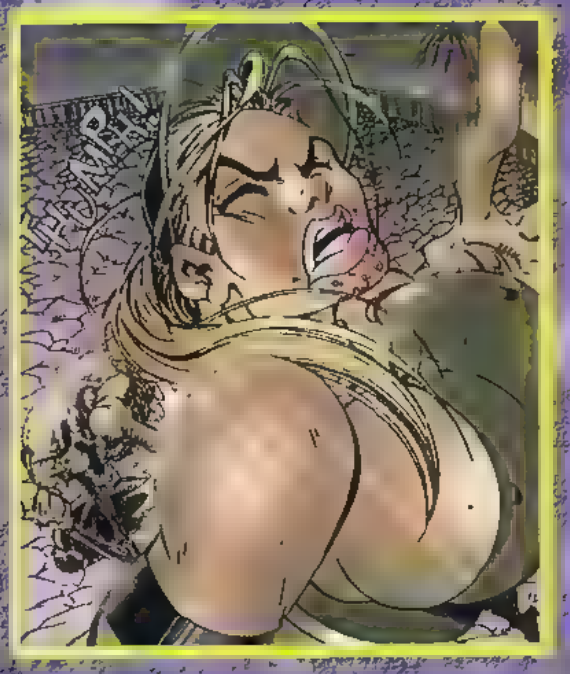
CLOSE CALL! ALMOST CAUGHT ME BY SURPRISE!
"THESE GUYS SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE!"
"I NEED TO WATCH MY OWN SHADOW!"
AS YOU WISH, "TRUE NINJA"...
DEATH CAN SOMETIMES BE DECEIVED!
I HAVE HEARD MUCH ABOUT YOU, LIN KUEI! IT IS AN HONOR TO BE YOUR OPPONENT!

NEVER! I MUST FIGHT YOU!
TO FIGHT MY MASTER'S ENEMIES!
THAT IS MY GREAT MISSION! MY DESTINY!

CASE, REIKO, I WILL NOT DENY YOU YOUR DESTINY!
WHAT?!
ICE CLONE.
A DISTRACTION AND IMMOBILIZATION MOVE. WORTHY OF A NINJA.
HE IS NOT FROZEN FOR LONG, BUT IT'S LONG ENOUGH.
STUCK AND DEFENSELESS, REIKO WATCHES AS SUB-ZERO FOCUSES HIS ICE POWERS INTO THEIR DEADLIEST FORM...
DEEP FREEZE.
A DEATH COLD AS ICE. THE FROST NINJA'S TRADEMARK MOVE.
FATALITY

REIKO IS NO LONGER A PROBLEM TO SUB-ZERO...
GOOD FIGHT, LIN KUEI!
FOR A MOMENT I FEARED YOU WOULD FIND DEATH AT THE HANDS OF ANOTHER!
NOT YET, SUB-ZERO! BUT SOON!
AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! I WILL BE BEHIND YOU!
ALWAYS!
...BUT HE STILL HAS OTHERS...
FEAR ME!
HAHAHAHAHAHAHA
MEANWHILE, NOT FAR FROM THERE...
QUAN CHI IS PROVIDING SHINNOK WITH THE WARRIORS HE DEMANDED...
WARRIORS OF MEAT, STAND UP! YOUR MASTER COMMANDS YOU!
YOU WILL BE THE EXECUTORS IN THE MASSACRE THAT SHINNOK DEMANDS!
NOW GO AND KILL RAYDEN'S FRIENDS!
TO BE KONTINUED...

MORTAL KOMBAT 4



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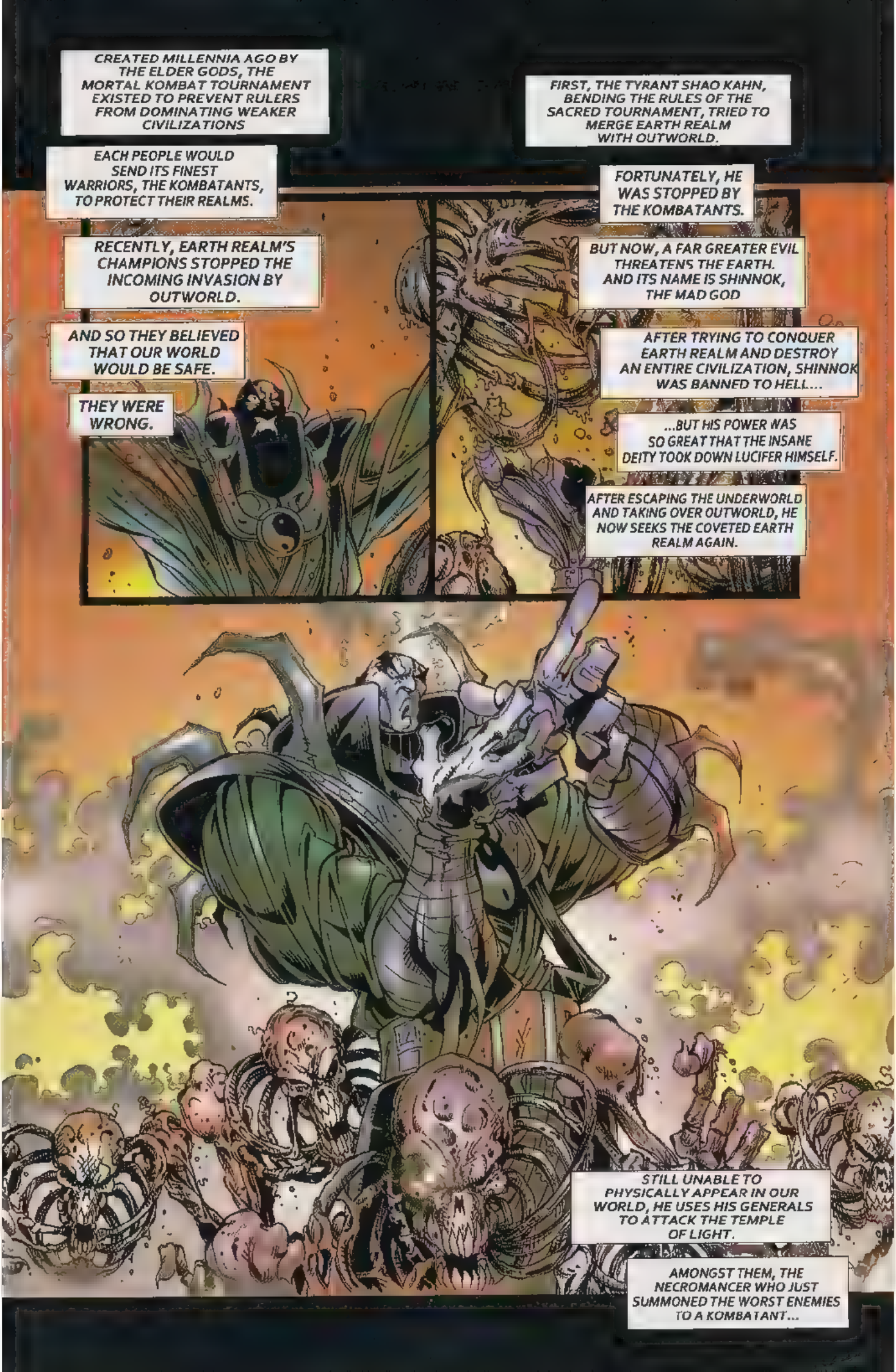
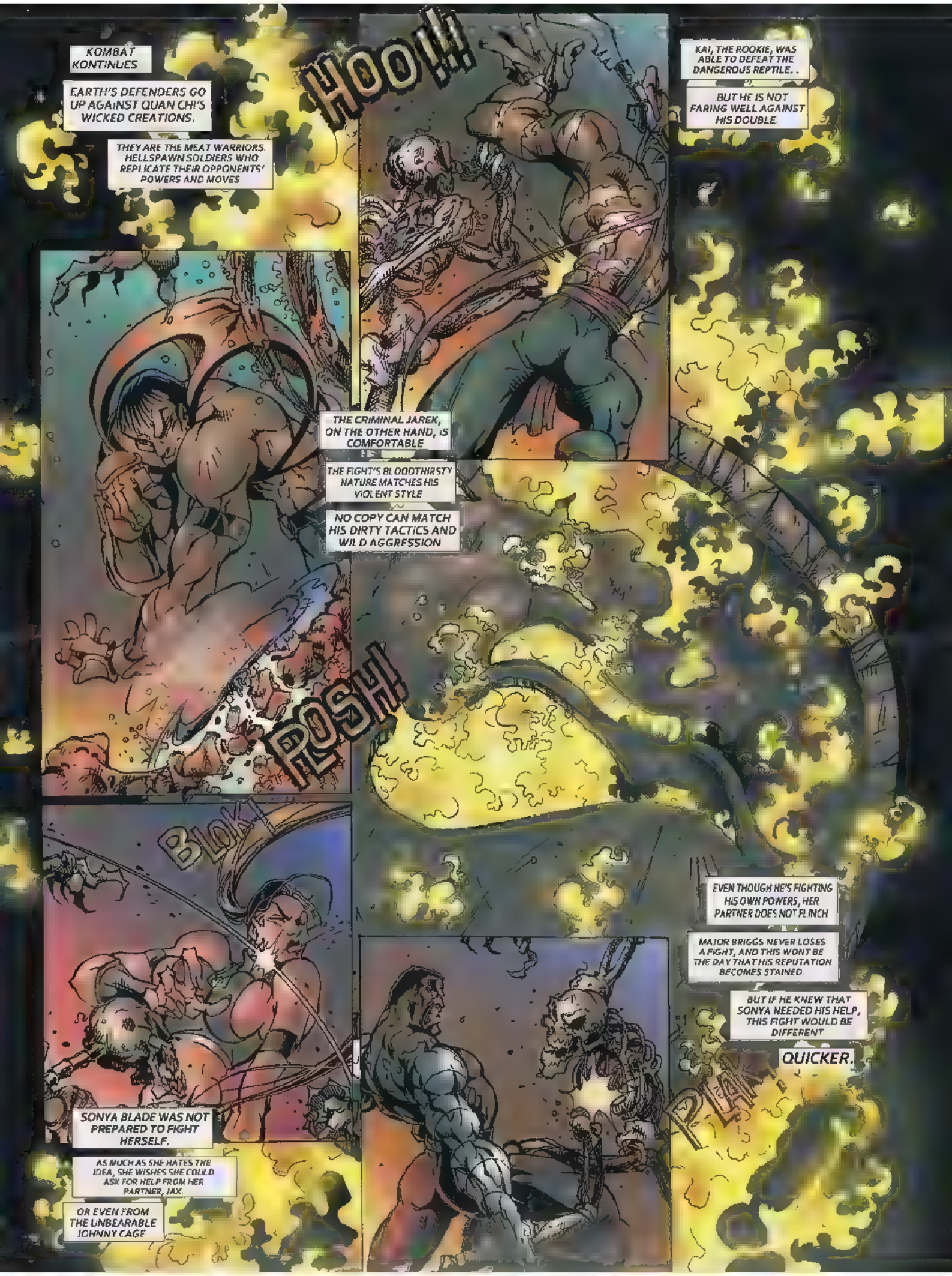
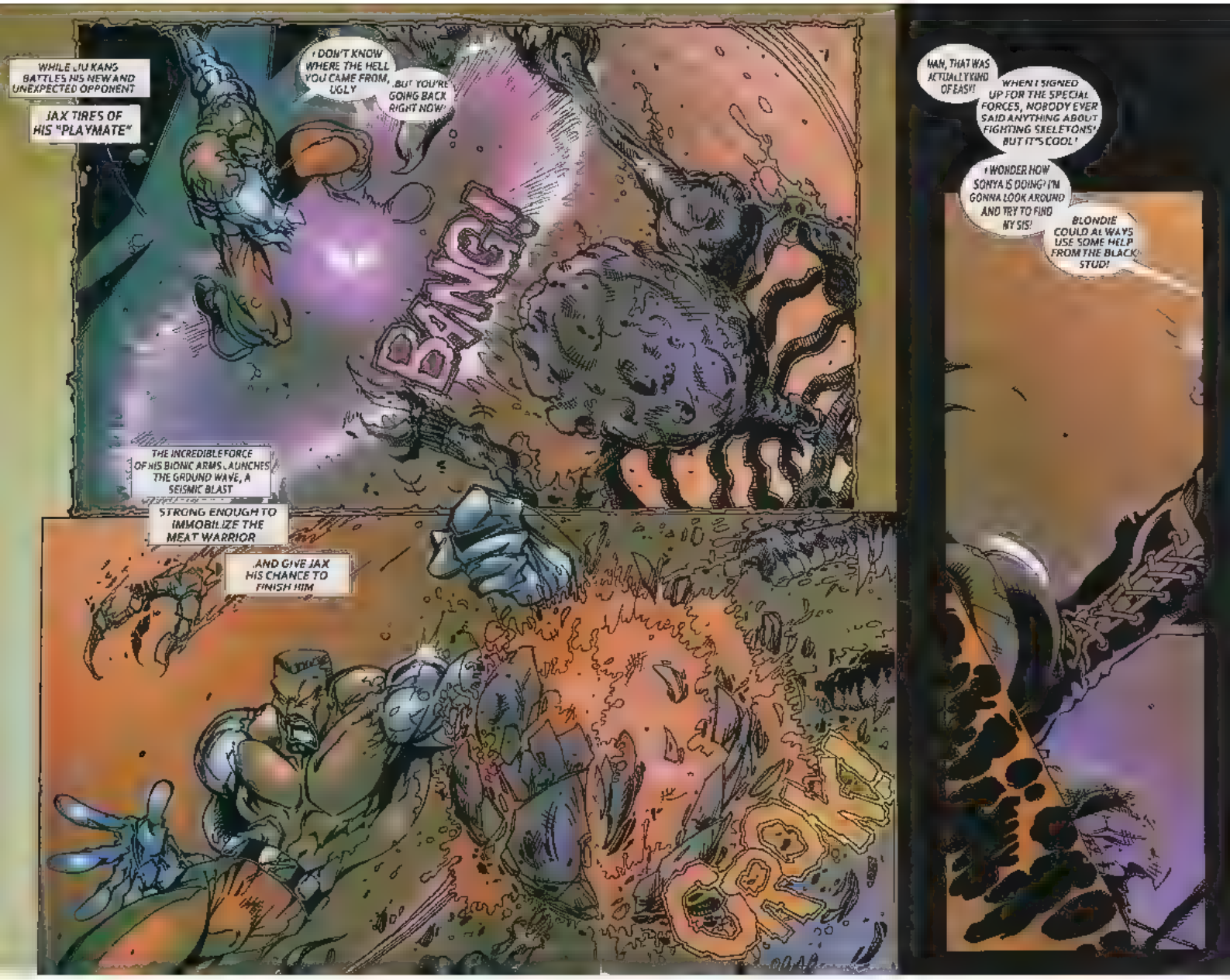

CREATED MILLENNIA AGO BY THE ELDER GODS, THE MORTAL KOMBAT TOURNAMENT EXISTED TO PREVENT RULERS FROM DOMINATING WEAKER CIVILIZATIONS
EACH PEOPLE WOULD SEND ITS FINEST WARRIORS, THE KOMBATANTS, TO PROTECT THEIR REALMS.
RECENTLY, EARTH REALM'S CHAMPIONS STOPPED THE INCOMING INVASION BY OUTWORLD.
AND SO THEY BELIEVED THAT OUR WORLD WOULD BE SAFE.
THEY WERE WRONG.
FIRST, THE TYRANT SHAO KAHN, BENDING THE RULES OF THE SACRED TOURNAMENT, TRIED TO MERGE EARTH REALM WITH OUTWORLD.
FORTUNATELY, HE WAS STOPPED BY THE KOMBATANTS.
BUT NOW, A FAR GREATER EVIL THREATENS THE EARTH. AND ITS NAME IS SHINNOK, THE MAD GOD
AFTER TRYING TO CONQUER EARTH REALM AND DESTROY AN ENTIRE CIVILIZATION, SHINNOK WAS BANNED TO HELL...
...BUT HIS POWER WAS SO GREAT THAT THE INSANE DEITY TOOK DOWN LUCIFER HIMSELF.
AFTER ESCAPING THE UNDERWORLD AND TAKING OVER OUTWORLD, HE NOW SEEKS THE COVETED EARTH REALM AGAIN.
STILL UNABLE TO PHYSICALLY APPEAR IN OUR WORLD, HE USES HIS GENERALS TO ATTACK THE TEMPLE OF LIGHT.
AMONGST THEM, THE NECROMANCER WHO JUST SUMMONED THE WORST ENEMIES TO A KOMBATANT...


KOMBAT KONTINUES
EARTH'S DEFENDERS GO UP AGAINST QUAN CHI'S WICKED CREATIONS.
THEY ARE THE MEAT WARRIORS. HELLSPAWN SOLDIERS WHO REPLICATE THEIR OPPONENTS' POWERS AND MOVES
HOO!!
KAI, THE ROOKIE, WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT THE DANGEROUS REPTILE. .
BUT HE IS NOT FARING WELL AGAINST HIS DOUBLE.
THE CRIMINAL JAREK, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS COMFORTABLE
THE FIGHT'S BLOODTHIRSTY NATURE MATCHES HIS VIOLENT STYLE
NO COPY CAN MATCH HIS DIRTY TACTICS AND WILD AGGRESSION
PSSH!
BLOK!
SONYA BLADE WAS NOT PREPARED TO FIGHT HERSELF.
AS MUCH AS SHE HATES THE IDEA, SHE WISHES SHE COULD ASK FOR HELP FROM HER PARTNER, JAX.
OR EVEN FROM THE UNBEARABLE JOHNNY CAGE
EVEN THOUGH HE'S FIGHTING HIS OWN POWERS, HER PARTNER DOES NOT FLINCH
MAJOR BRIGGS NEVER LOSES A FIGHT, AND THIS WONT BE THE DAY THAT HIS REPUTATION BECOMES STAINED.
BUT IF HE KNEW THAT SONYA NEEDED HIS HELP, THIS FIGHT WOULD BE DIFFERENT
QUICKER.
FLK

MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER OF THE TEMPLE'S VAST ROOMS
LIU KANG, THE CHOSEN ONE, MAKES A DISTURBING DISCOVERY
THE TEMPLE IS CHANGING!
THE ROOMS ARE TWISTING AND EXPANDING.
PERHAPS THESE ARE THE EVIL INFLUENCES THAT RAYDEN MENTIONED.
THIS MUST MEAN THAT SOMEWHERE CLOSE BY IS...
"THE ENEMY!"
YOU'RE GOOD! SILENT AS A SHADOW!
NOT EVEN SUB-ZERO COULD HAVE BEEN THIS STEALTHY!
WHO ARE YOU? ANOTHER OF SHINNOK'S MINIONS?
YOU SEEM FAMILIAR. BUT I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING YOU AT THE TOURNAMENTS!
I WATCHED YOUR PROGRESS DURING THE MOST RECENT MORTAL KOMBAT, LIU KANG!
WHENEVER YOU FELT CHILLS, AND SUSPECTED THAT SOMEONE WAS WATCHING, I WAS THAT PRESENCE!
I WAS YOUR OWN SHADOW!
I AM NOOB SAIBOT!
AND, IN THE NAME OF HELL'S RULER, I WILL BE YOUR EXECUTIONER!
SSS!
VOOOM!!!

WE SHALL SEE!
WHOK!
THE NAME NOOB SAIBOT IS LEGENDARY. A STORY TO SCARE CHILDREN.
NOTHING IS KNOWN OF HIM OR HIS CLAN, THE BROOTHERHOOD OF SHADOWS.
BUT NOW IT'S CLEAR WHO HE WORKS FOR.
"HE WHO KNOWS HIMSELF AND HIS ENEMY NEEDS NOT FEAR THE RESULT OF A HUNDRED BATTLES."
LIU KANG HAS ONLY HEARD RUMORS ABOUT THE SHADOW NINJA.
NOTHING MORE.
NOOB SAIBOT, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAS DEEPLY STUDIED ALL OF LIU KANG'S MOVES.
IF KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, THEN THERE IS NO DOUBT ABOUT WHO HAS THE ADVANTAGE IN THIS FIGHT.
YOU CANNOT BEAT THE UNKNOWN! YOU CANNOT DEFEAT DARKNESS ITSELF!
AND I AM DARKNESS INCARNATE! I AM WHAT EVERY MAN FEARS, FOR I AM UNKNOWN!
WOOOSHH!!!

BUT LIU KANG WITHSTANDS THE COLD FLAMES OF THE NETHER REALM.
MY TURN! IT'S TRUE THAT I DON'T KNOW YOU OR YOUR POWERS...
...BUT I AM A FAST LEARNER!
PUSH!
PASH!
POSH!
AND IF THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO, THEN...
WHAT?! HE'S GONE?
WHERE ARE YOU HIDING THIS TIME, YOU SNEAK?
FSSS
KABOOOM!
"CLOSE BY! VERY CLOSE!"
"WHERE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN, CHOSEN ONE!"

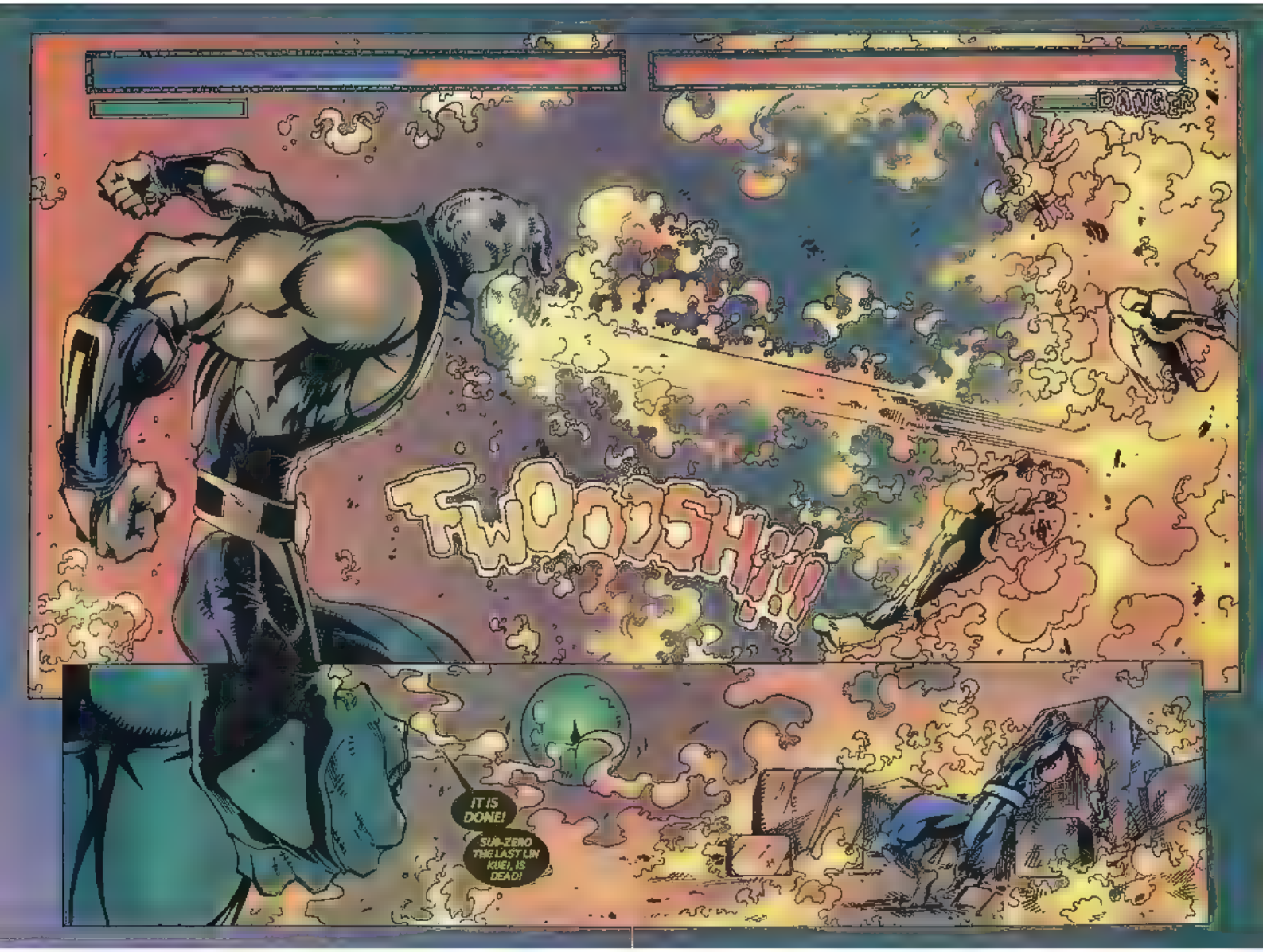

WHILE JU KANS BATTLES HIS NEW AND UNEXPECTED OPPONENT
JAX TIRES OF HIS "PLAYMATE"
I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE HELL YOU CAME FROM, UGLY
BUT YOU'RE GOING BACK RIGHT NOW!
BANG!
THE INCREDIBLE FORCE OF HIS BIONIC ARMS LAUNCHES THE GROUND WAVE, A SEISMIC BLAST
STRONG ENOUGH TO IMMOBILIZE THE MEAT WARRIOR
AND GIVE JAX HIS CHANCE TO FINISH HIM
MAN, THAT WAS ACTUALLY KIND OF EASY!
WHEN I SIGNED UP FOR THE SPECIAL FORCES, NOBODY EVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT FIGHTING SKELETONS! BUT IT'S COOL!
I WONDER HOW SONYA IS DOING? I'M GONNA LOOK AROUND AND TRY TO FIND MY SIS!
BLONDIE COULD ALWAYS USE SOME HELP FROM THE BLACK STUD!

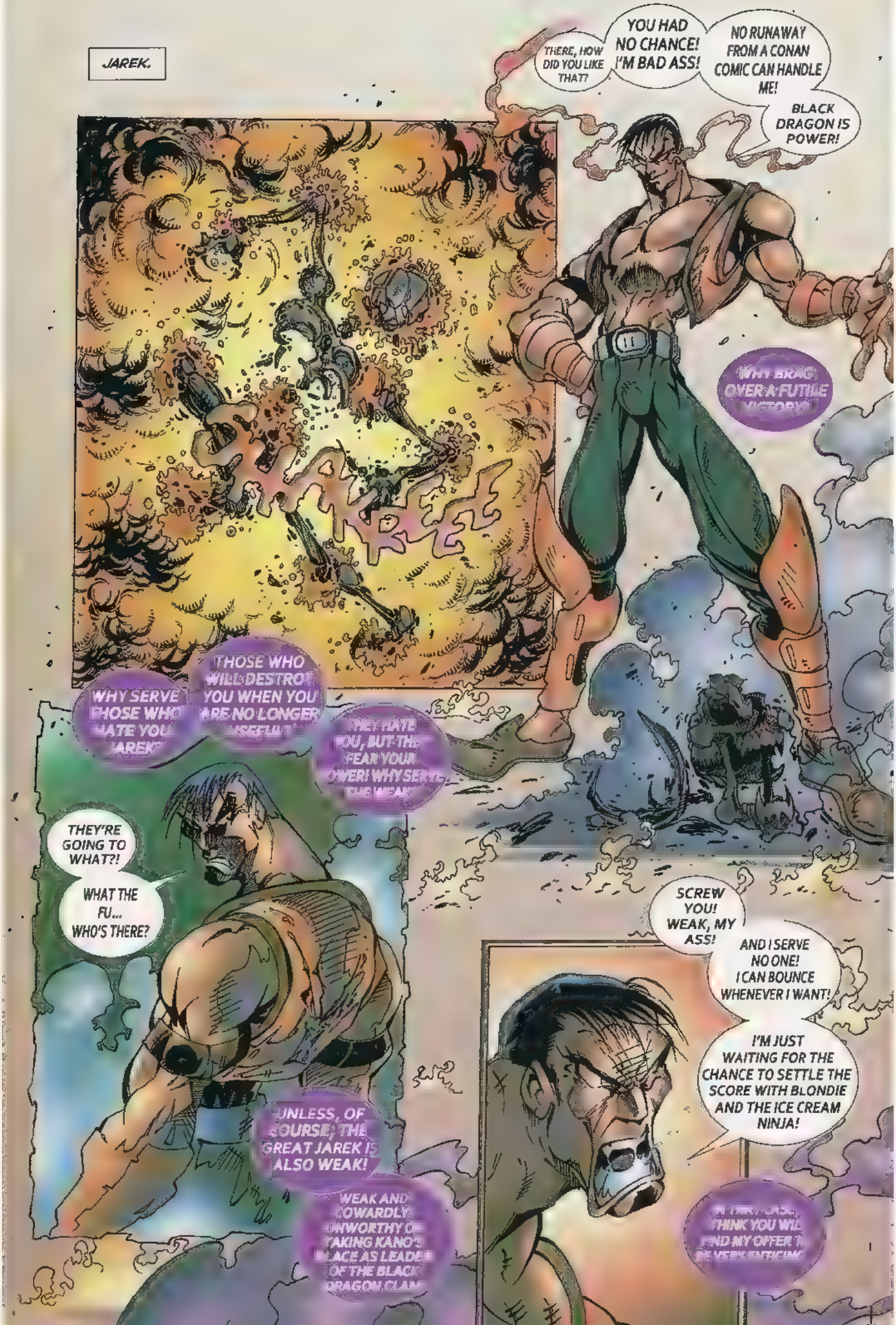
ANOTHER PART OF THE TEMPLE.
ANOTHER KOMBAT BEGINS...
I CAME BACK FROM DEATH FOR YOU, LIN KUEI!
THIS TIME, YOU WILL NOT ESCAPE!
OHHH! IS THAT FEAR I SENSE IN THE COLD HEART OF THIS GREAT WARRIOR?
IS HE AS MUCH OF A COWARD AS HIS BROTHER? THE FIRST SUB-ZERO?
THAT DAMNED MURDERER OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN?
SILENCE! I WILL NO LONGER LISTEN TO YOUR LIES!
YOU WON'T DODGE MY VENGEANCE WITH SIMPLE WORDS!
NO, SUB-ZERO! YOU COME HERE!
WHAT?!
GET OVER HERE!

C'MON OVER HERE!
SKI-PLOSH!
YOU WILL BE THE LAST NINJA TO WEAR THE COWL OF SUB-ZERO!
FACE YOUR DESTINY! FACE DEATH AT MY HANDS!
AARGH!
ZOOOO!!!

AT LAST! YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG I WAITED FOR THIS DAY!
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WAIT IN HELL! ONE DAY MIGHT LAST YEARS!
YOU DO NOT KNOW HELL! BUT YOU WILL FIND OUT SOON!
I LOST EVERYTHING! MY WIFE, MY DAUGHTER, MY LIFE, MY HONOR, AND NOW EVEN MY SOUL!
I CARE LITTLE FOR SHINNOK'S MAD SCHEMES! TO ME, THERE IS ONLY REVENGE!
HOO!!
CRIK
BREAKER!
THERE IS ONLY YOU!
BROK!
MY... FACE?

YOU STARE INTO MY FACE!
LOOK CLOSELY, ACCURSED ONE...
...FOR IT IS THE LAST THING YOUR EYES WILL SEE!

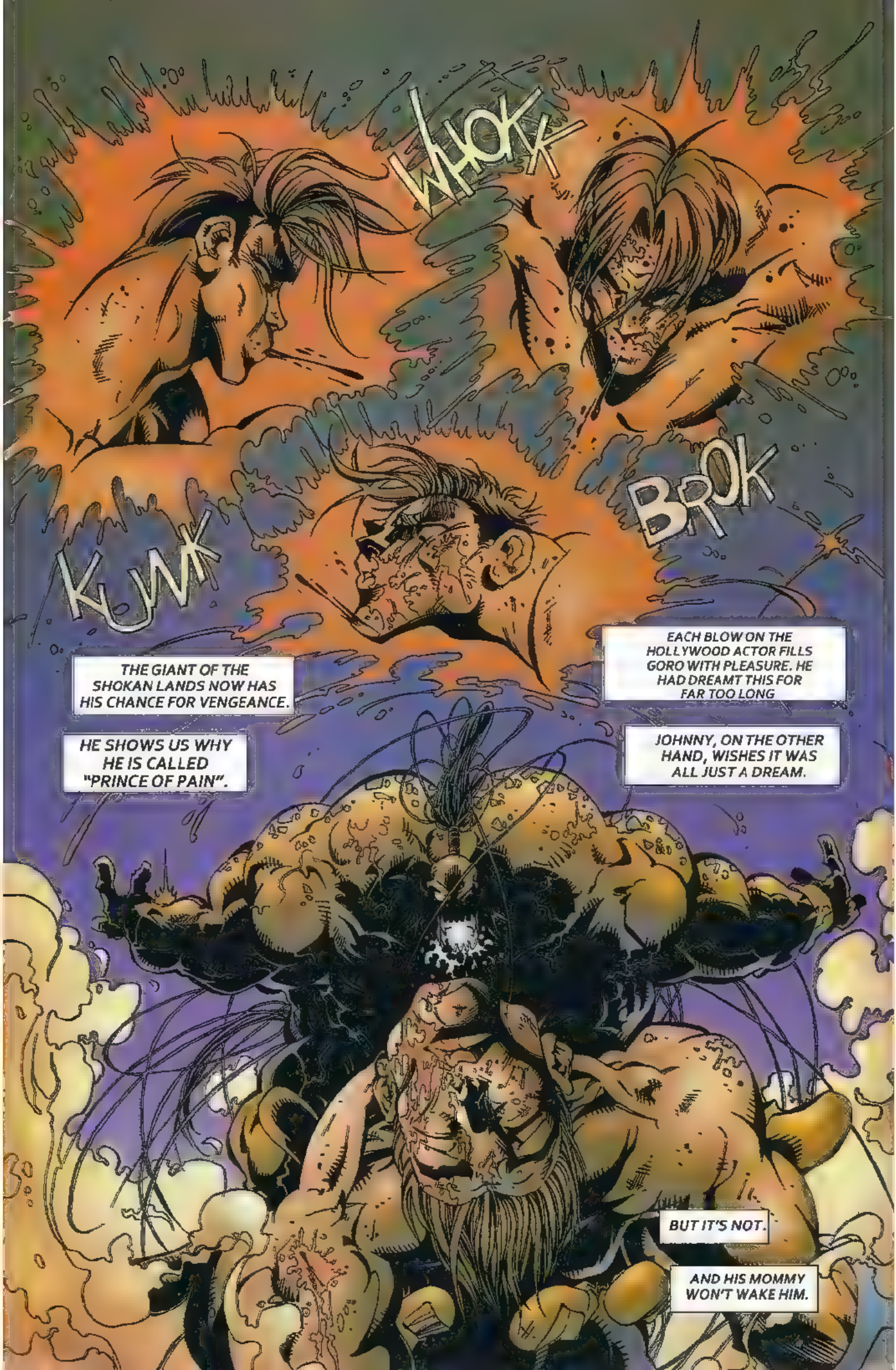

DANGER
FWOOSH!!!
IT IS DONE!
SUB-ZERO THE LAST LIN KUEI, IS DEAD!

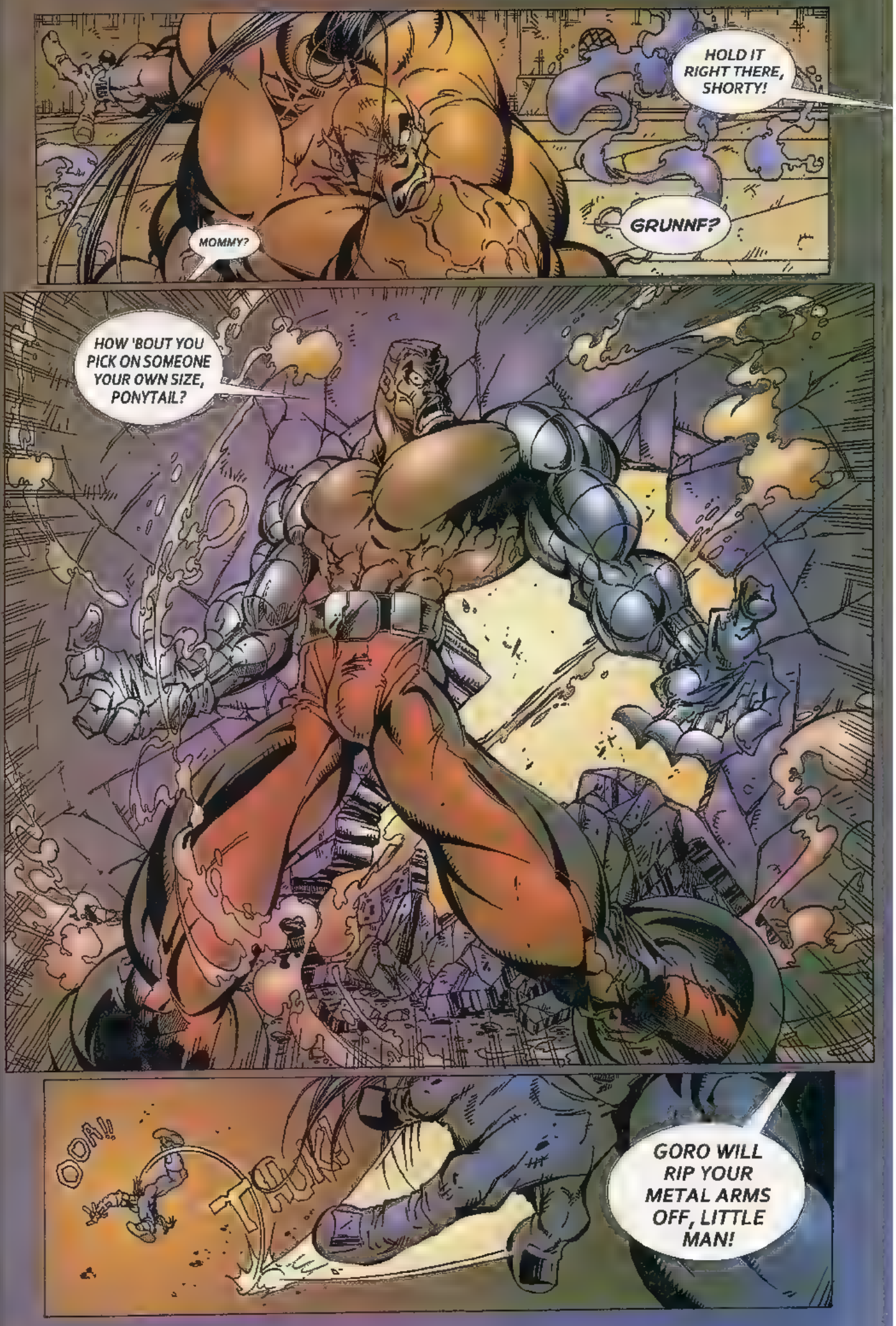

JAREK.
THERE, HOW DID YOU LIKE THAT?
YOU HAD NO CHANCE! I'M BAD ASS!
NO RUNAWAY FROM A CONAN COMIC CAN HANDLE ME!
BLACK DRAGON IS POWER!
WHY BRAG OVER A FUTILE VICTORY?
WHY SERVE THOSE WHO HATE YOU JAREK?
THOSE WHO WILL DESTROY YOU WHEN YOU ARE NO LONGER USEFUL?
THEY HATE YOU, BUT THEY FEAR YOUR POWER! WHY SERVE THE WEAK?
THEY'RE GOING TO WHAT?!
WHAT THE FU... WHO'S THERE?
UNLESS, OF COURSE, THE GREAT JAREK IS ALSO WEAK!
WEAK AND COWARDLY UNWORTHY OF TAKING KANO'S PLACE AS LEADER OF THE BLACK DRAGON CLAN
SCREW YOU! WEAK, MY ASS!
AND I SERVE NO ONE! I CAN BOUNCE WHENEVER I WANT!
I'M JUST WAITING FOR THE CHANCE TO SETTLE THE SCORE WITH BLONDIE AND THE ICE CREAM NINJA!
I THINK YOU WILL FIND MY OFFER TO BE VERY ENTICING

JOHNNY CAGE.
"FORGET IT, JOHNNY! THIS TITANIC THING IS GOING TO FLOP!"
..THAT'S WHAT MY AGENT SAID!
"NOBODY LIKES MOVIES WITH WATER! DIDN'T YOU SEE HOW WATERWORLD AND THE ABYSS DID?
"I CAN GET YOU A MUCH BETTER ROLE", HE SAID! "EVER HEARD OF MORTAL KOMBAT?"
"JUST FIGHT IN THE TOURNAMENT! IT'S GONNA GET YOU A LOT OF FREE PUBLICITY!"
SURE! I'LL DO IT!
I'M HERE GETTING MY ASS KICKED BY DUDES FROM OUTWORLD, AND THAT LEONARDO GUY HAS THE BIGGEST FAN CLUB IN THE WORLD!
WHEN ALL THIS IS OVER, I'M GONNA BEAT HIM UP, BAD!
I WONDER IF I CAN STILL GRAB THE ROLE OF ZORRO IN THAT OTHER MOVIE...?
THUM THUM
TH THUM
HUH?
GET UP, LITTLE MAN!
I HAVE RETURNED TO CRUSH YOU!
GET UP, BECAUSE...

GORO WANTS TO KILL JOHNNY CAGE!!!
GORO WANTS REVENGE!
KRA
DIRECTOR, COULD YOU CALL MY STUNT DOUBLE?

GORO WAS DEFEATED BY CAGE IN MORTAL KOMBAT.
BEFORE THAT, HE HAD BEEN THE CHAMPION FOR EIGHT STRAIGHT CENTURIES.
JOHNNY DID NOT EXPECT TO SEE THE PRINCE OF PAIN AGAIN.
NOBODY DID.
PUNCH
CRISK
IT'S NOT HARD TO IMAGINE WHY.
NOW GORO WANTS HIS TITLE BACK.
AND HE BELIEVES THAT HE MUST DEFEAT THE DAMN HUMAN WHO HUMILIATED HIM.
AFTER HIS DEATH, GORO'S SOUL WENT TO THE NETHEREALM.
IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG FOR SHINNOK TO SEE IN HIM A FORMIDABLE ALLY.
GORO AGREED TO HELP THE MAD GOD IN HIS ATTACK ON THE TEMPLE OF LIGHT. IN EXCHANGE HE ASKED FOR ONE THING...
JOHNNY CAGE.
THUK!


WHOKK
KWK
BROK
THE GIANT OF THE SHOKAN LANDS NOW HAS HIS CHANCE FOR VENGEANCE.
EACH BLOW ON THE HOLLYWOOD ACTOR FILLS GORO WITH PLEASURE. HE HAD DREAMT THIS FOR FAR TOO LONG
HE SHOWS US WHY HE IS CALLED "PRINCE OF PAIN".
JOHNNY, ON THE OTHER HAND, WISHES IT WAS ALL JUST A DREAM.
BUT IT'S NOT.
AND HIS MOMMY WON'T WAKE HIM.


HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, SHORTY!
GRUNNF?
MOMMY?
HOW 'BOUT YOU PICK ON SOMEONE YOUR OWN SIZE, PONYTAIL?
OOF!
THUK
GORO WILL RIP YOUR METAL ARMS OFF, LITTLE MAN!

TRAGICALLY, CAGE AND SUB-ZERO WILL NOT BE THE ONLY FALLEN HEROES ON THIS DAY...
THIS IS NOT WORKING! IT'S LIKE I'M FIGHTING MYSELF!
EXCEPT THIS SKELETON NEVER GETS TIRED!
I CAN'T KEEP UP MUCH LONGER!
WHAT? ANOTHER ONE? WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
WAIT! THEY'RE TRYING TO THROW ME INTO THE...
WNOOO

LIU KANG APPEARS TO BE HAVING TROUBLE WITH NOOB SAIBOT, RAYDEN!
YES, FUJIN! BUT LOOK CLOSER STILL!
PISH!
THERE'S A REASON WHY HE'S THE CHOSEN ONE!
DO YOU SEE THAT HE IS ESSENTIAL TO SHINNOK'S DEFEAT?
I NEVER DOUBTED YOUR CHOICES! LIU KANG TRULY IS UNIQUE!
STILL, I SEE TOO MANY OBSTACLES IN OUR NEAR FUTURE!
SUB-ZERO AND KAI HAVE BEEN KILLED!
JOHNNY CAGE HAS BEEN DEFEATED! AND JAREK IS MISSING!

WITHOUT THEM TO PROTECT THE ROOMS, THE MAD GOD HAS GAINED MORE POWER!
EVEN NOW, WITH LIU KANG'S WIN OVER NOOB SAIBOT, THE TEMPLE IS STILL IN DANGER!
THAT IS NOT NEWS, LORD OF WIND!
I WISH TO HELP THEM, BUT YOU KNOW WE MUST REMAIN HERE!
BUT YOUR ALLIES ARE DYING! IF THIS KEEPS UP...
I KNOW! AND I DON'T LIKE IT EITHER!
OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO DRIVE SHINNOK TO ASSUME HIS PHYSICAL FORM!
ONLY THEN, AND WITH LIU KANG'S HELP, WILL WE BE ABLE TO DEFEAT HIM!
AND WHAT OF QUAN CHI'S OTHER SOLDIERS?
IT'S TRUE THAT REPTILE AND REIKO ARE DOWN...
.. BUT SCORPION, GORO AND SEVERAL MEAT WARRIORS LIVE!

THAT IS THE POINT WHEN WE MUST RELY ON THE MORTALS FUJIN
TUNK!
ISN'T IT IRONIC? HERE WE ARE, SUPREME GODS OF THE ELEMENTAL FORCES...
YET, IN THE END, IT ALL DEPENDS ON MORTALS!
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE MORTALS, FUJIN! THEY POSSESS QUALITIES THAT WE DEITIES LACK!
THEY ARE FASCINATING! PERSISTENT! BOLD!
EVEN WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST
WHEN THE OPPOSING FORCES ARE GREATER...
PUNK
TRUNK!
I BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND, RAYDEN!
AND I BEGIN TO TRUST IN THEM!
STILL, THEY KEEP ON FIGHTING!

OUR ALLIES ARE HEROES, MY FRIEND...
.. BUT THEY ARE NOT INVINCIBLE! I FEAR FOR THE SAFETY OF EACH AND EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THEM!
I KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN TO THEM!
I KNOW AND YET I CAN DO NOTHING TO STOP IT!
WHEN ALL THIS IS OVER, I HOPE I GET THE CHANCE TO REDEEM MYSELF!
BUT NOT NOW! NOT YET!
OOORGH!
I HOPE THEY CAN FORGIVE ME FOR THIS..
HA HA HA
.. FOR I CANNOT FORGIVE MYSELF!
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MORTAL KOMBAT 4

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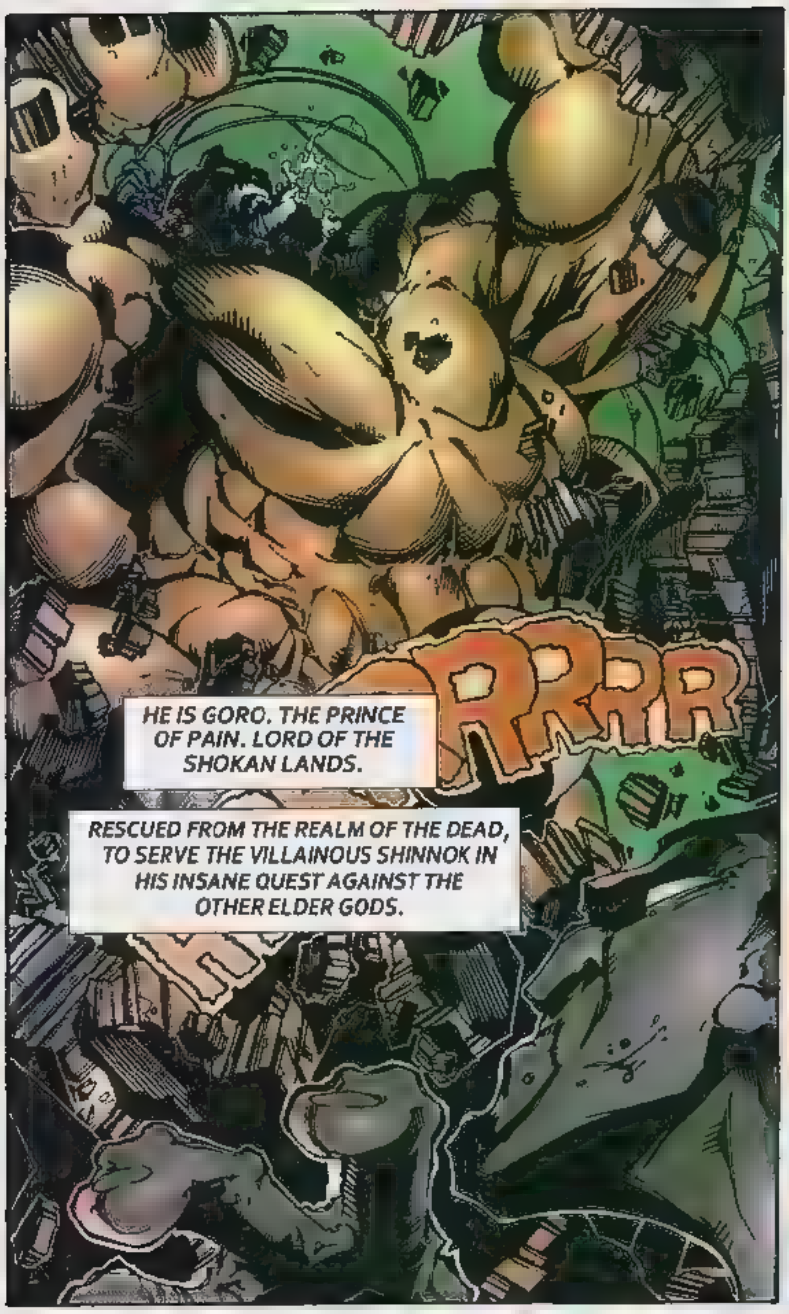
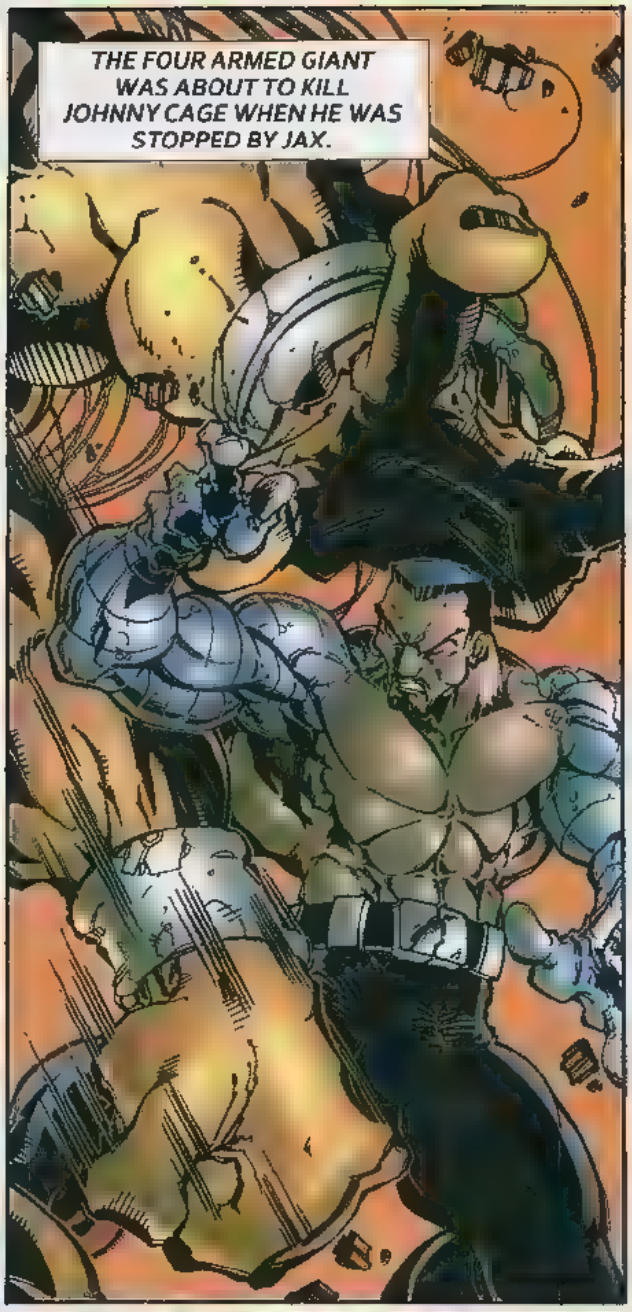
THOUGH IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKE IT, THIS IS INSIDE THE TEMPLE OF LIGHT.
THE OLDEST CREATION IN EARTH REALM.
A GIFT FROM THE ELDER GODS TO ALL MORTALS.
A PLACE OF PEACE, MEDITATION AND SPIRITUAL ENLIGHTENMENT.
KA-BOOM!!
HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT EXACTLY WHAT IS HAPPENING TODAY.
THIS IS JAX, MAJOR OF THE SPECIAL FORCES, VIOLENTLY TOSSED THROUGH THE TEMPLE WALLS.
AND THIS VIOLENCE IS NOTHING COMPARED TO ITS PERPETRATOR...


RRRR
HE IS GORO. THE PRINCE OF PAIN. LORD OF THE SHOKAN LANDS.
RESCUED FROM THE REALM OF THE DEAD, TO SERVE THE VILLAINOUS SHINNOK IN HIS INSANE QUEST AGAINST THE OTHER ELDER GODS.


THE FOUR ARMED GIANT WAS ABOUT TO KILL JOHNNY CAGE WHEN HE WAS STOPPED BY JAX.

JAX IS NOT AS STRONG AS HIS OPPONENT, BUT HE'S PROVING TO BE A WORTHY OPPONENT.
WHAT HE LACKS IN PHYSICAL POWER, HE MAKES UP IN TENACITY AND SKILL.

HE IS JAX!
HE NEVER BACKS DOWN FROM A FIGHT. EVER.
IIIAAAHHHHHHH
I'M GONNA FIX YOUR UGLY FACE, YOU MEATHEAD!
INSOLENT HUMAN! INSECT!

SO FAR, JAX HAS NEVER LOST A FIGHT.
AND HE REFUSES TO LOSE THIS ONE.
UGH
KRROOM
...DESPERATE MEASURES.
EVEN IF IT TAKES...
NO ONE KNOWS THE DEPTH OF THE ABYSSES IN THE TEMPLE OF LIGHT.
GORO AND JAX MAY BE THE FIRST TO FIND OUT.

"THIS SITUATION DOES NOT FAVOR US, LORD RAYDEN!"
SHOULD WE NOT HELP BY PARTICIPATING MORE?
I DO NOT WISH TO QUESTION YOUR ORDERS
...BUT IT ENRAGES ME TO SEE OUR ALLIES FALLING WHILE WE STAND STILL!
IT ENRAGES ME AS WELL, LORD OF WINDS, BUT IT IS AS IT MUST BE.
WE MUST AWAIT THESE EVENTS IN THIS EXACT LOCATION!
IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR OUR ROLE TO REVEAL ITSELF, FUJIN!
"SUB-ZERO HAS BEEN DEFEATED AT THE HANDS OF HIS NEMESIS, SCORPION "
WHILE THE UNEXPECTED DEATH OF KAI, AND JAREK'S UNHOLY BETRAYAL...
...WILL ALTER THE BALANCE OF FURIES WE ARE TRYING TO KEEP AT ALL COSTS!"
"SUCH EVENTS WILL LEAD TO THE ACCELERATION OF OUR PLANS!"
...AND THE FALL OF JOHNNY CAGE BY GORO...

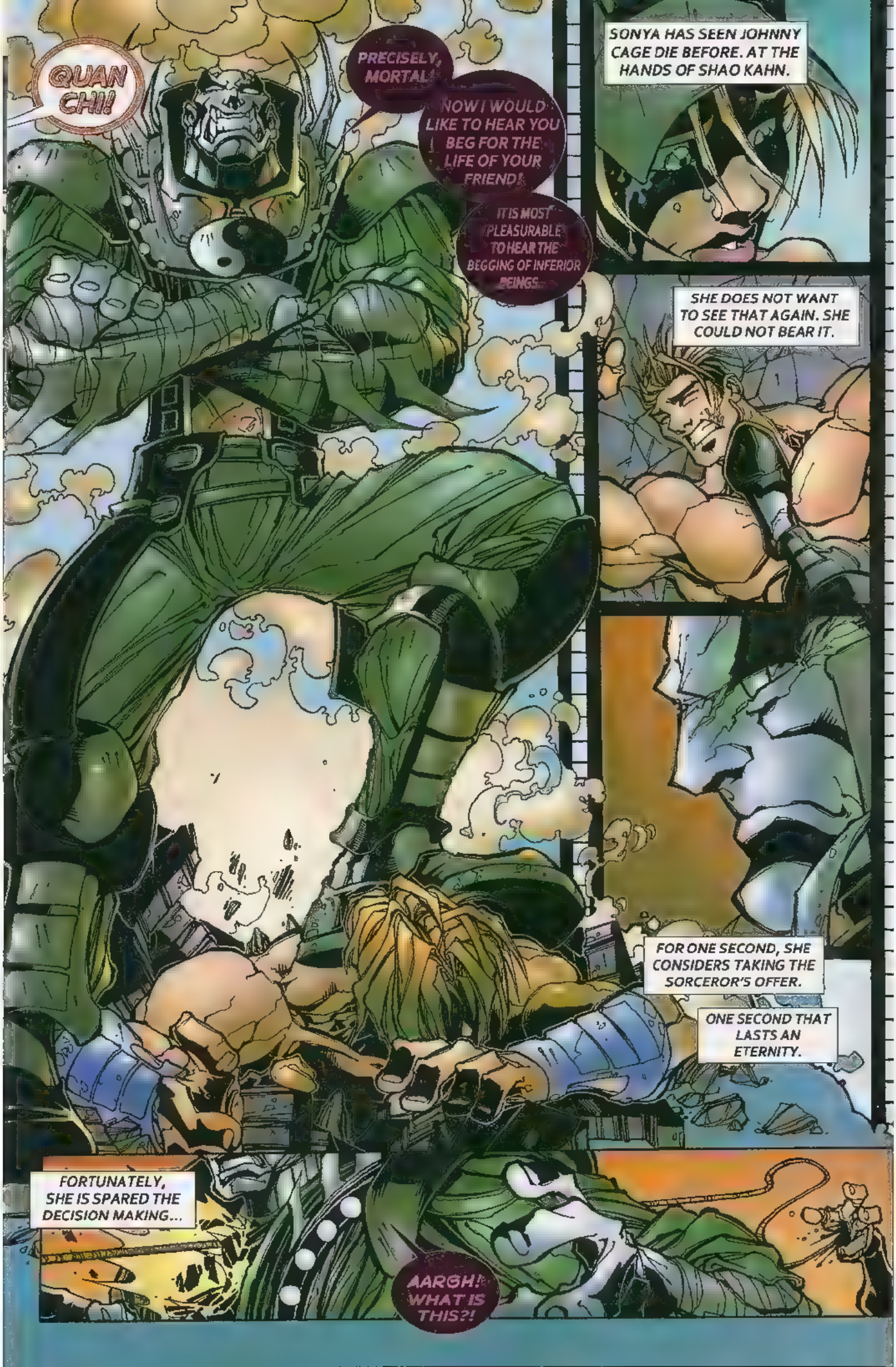
BE READY, FU,IN! YOUR WAIT FOR ACTION ENDS NOW!
WHAT!? HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO. .?
WAIT! A DISTURBANCE IN THE MYSTICAL FURIES!
HAHAHAH

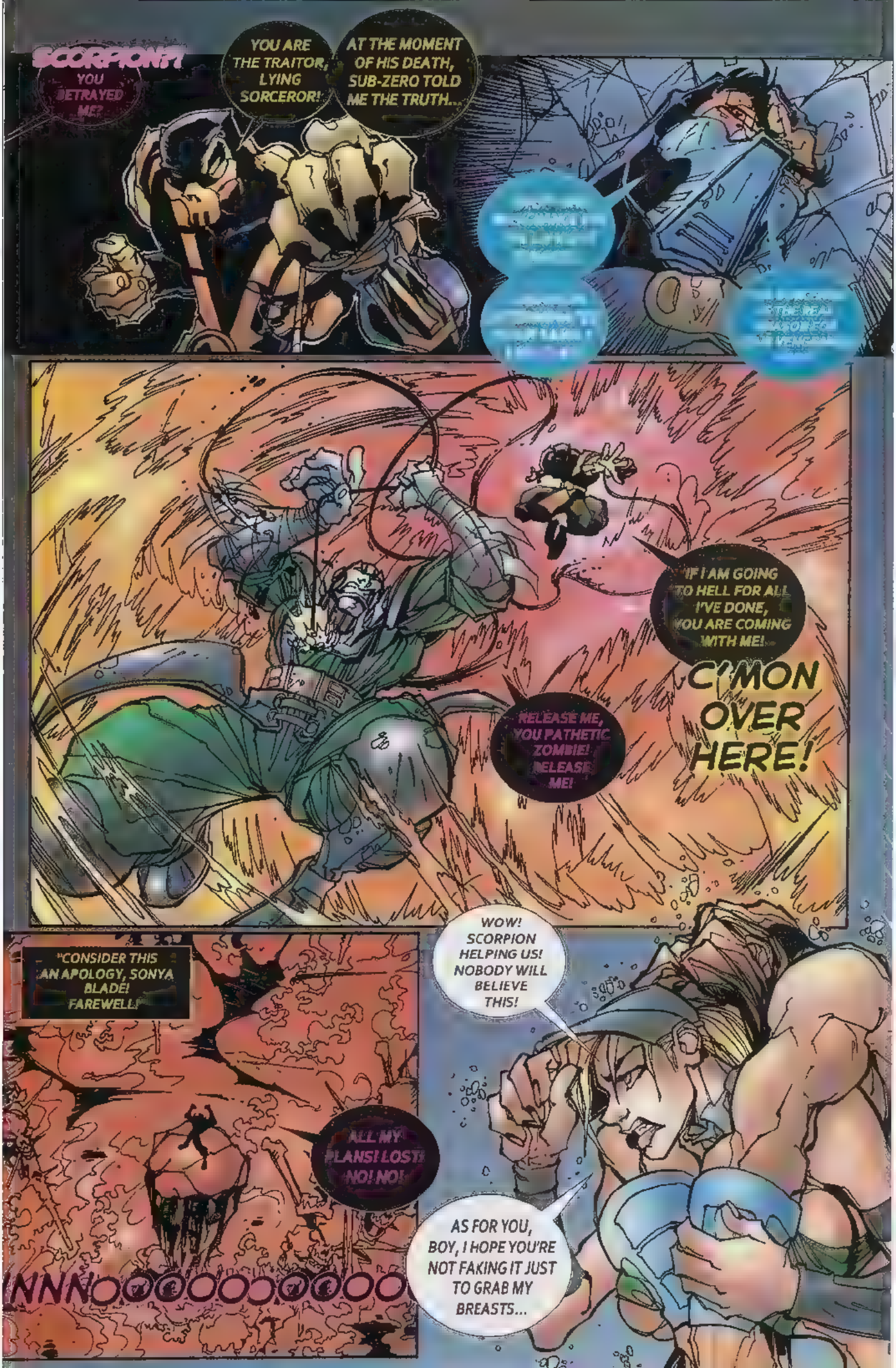
YOU WILL NEVER REACH THE ELDER GODS, MAD ONE!
AS THE DEFENDERS OF THE REALM, WE WILL USE EVERY METHOD TO STOP YOU!
ZZZH... ...AK
THE CONFLICT OF GODS IS MONUMENTAL.
THE GREATEST KOMBAT EVER WITNESSED IN THE INFINITE REALMS.
ITS IMPACT IS FELT IN ALL THE WORLDS.
EVEN THE INNOCENT WHO KNOW NOTHING OF THE FIGHT, CAN FEEL IT...
...FEEL THAT, SOMEWHERE, THE FOUNDATION OF THE UNIVERSE IS SHAKING...
GRRP
...AND THAT THE FATE OF REALITY ITSELF IS AT STAKE.

SHINNOK DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE AFFECTED BY OUR ATTACKS!
THE MAD GOD'S POWER IS TOO MUCH! WE MUST UNITE OUR FORCES!
NOW!
CHOW
THE POWER EMANATING FROM THE GODS COMBINED BORDERS ON INFINITY.
POWER CAPABLE OF MOVING WORLDS, UNDOING GALAXIES.
NOT EVEN THE VERY EXPLOSION THAT LED TO THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE COULD MATCH IT.
WHAT HOPE IS THERE TO DEFEAT SOMEONE WHO CAN RESIST SUCH A BLAST?

IN ANOTHER ROOM, SONYA BLADE TRIES TO RECOVER FROM JAREK'S TREACHEROUS ATTACK.
SHE WILL HARDLY GET A CHANCE...
HAHAHA
HAHAHA
HAHA
I'M AWAKE, BABY!
YOU'RE ON THE LOSING SIDE! THE SIDE THAT'S GETTING KILLED!
AND EVEN IF THUNDER GOD'S BUDDIES WIN, WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?
ANOTHER BEATING AND LIFE IN JAIL?
NO WAY!
JAREK, YOU LITTLE SHIT! SHINNOK FOOLED YOU INTO BETRAYING US!
WHAT DID HE PROMISE YOU? A NEW BLACK DRAGON CLAN?
HE'S USING YOU, YOU IDIOT!
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO TRIED TO USE ME! BUT I'M SMARTER!
IF YOU PLAY NICE, I MIGHT EVEN LET YOU LIVE!
AS MY PERSONAL SLAVE, YOU DIG?
I WOULD TAKE YOU EVERY DAY AND
GAAAK!
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

JOHNNY CAGE?!
YOU WERE DEAD, DUDE!
ALMOST... ...I THINK I'M GETTING GOOD AT THAT...
GORO LEFT YOU BROKEN!
YOU THINK YOU CAN HANDLE ME LIKE THAT?
WELL, NOT REALLY, NO...
"...BUT I HAVE A FRIEND WHO..."
"...CAN!"
WAP!
THANKS, JOHNNY!
YOU GAVE ME THE TIME TO RECOVER AND GET THAT ASSHOLE!
NOW WE CAN GO...
UH... JOHNNY?


QUAN CHI!
PRECISELY, MORTAL!
NOW I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR YOU BEG FOR THE LIFE OF YOUR FRIEND!
IT IS MOST PLEASURABLE TO HEAR THE BEGGING OF INFERIOR BEINGS.
SONYA HAS SEEN JOHNNY CAGE DIE BEFORE. AT THE HANDS OF SHAO KAHN.
SHE DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THAT AGAIN. SHE COULD NOT BEAR IT.
FOR ONE SECOND, SHE CONSIDERS TAKING THE SORCEROR'S OFFER.
ONE SECOND THAT LASTS AN ETERNITY.
FORTUNATELY, SHE IS SPARED THE DECISION MAKING...
AARGH! WHAT IS THIS?!

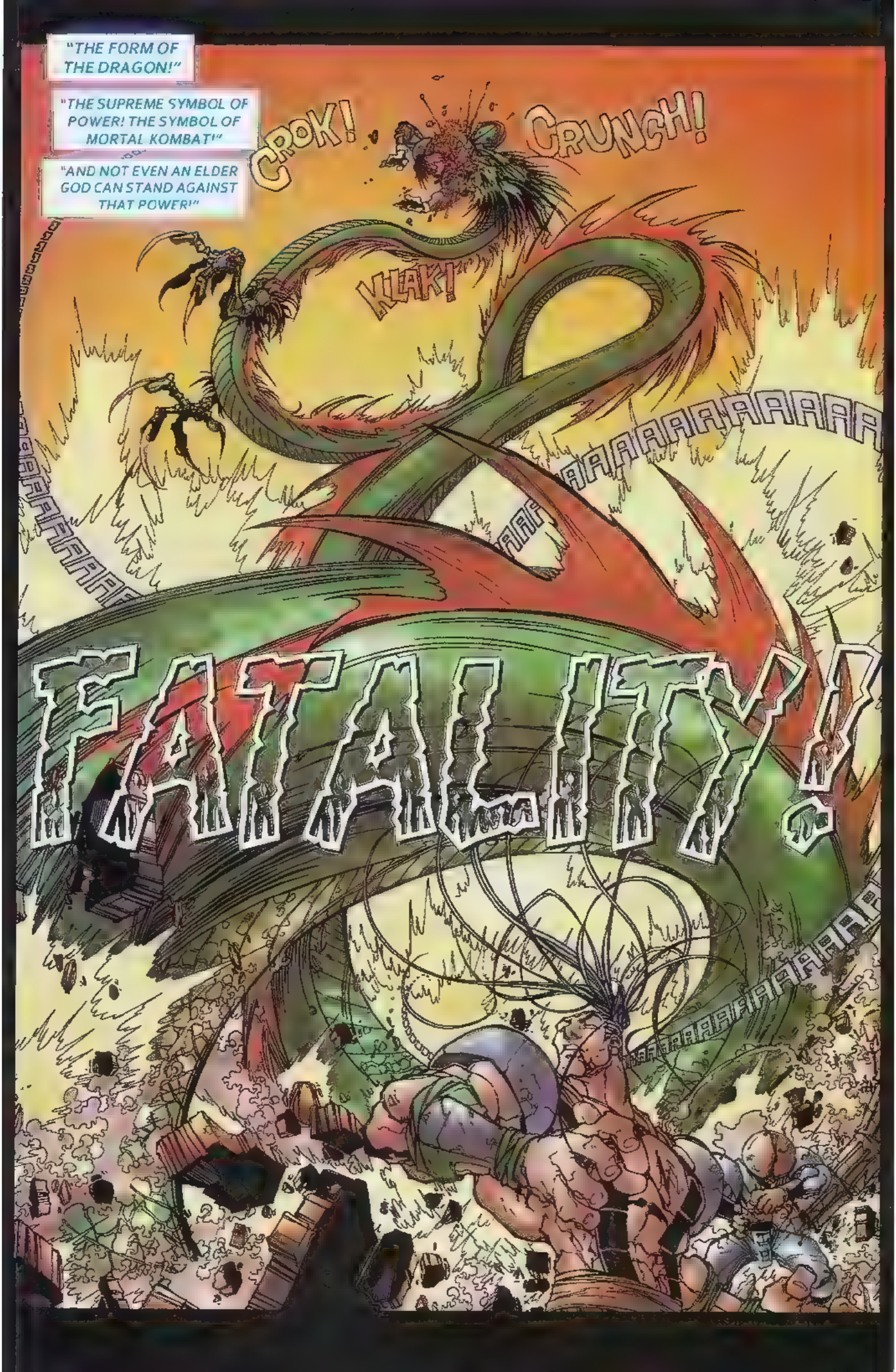

SCORPION?!
YOU BETRAYED ME?
YOU ARE THE TRAITOR, LYING SORCEROR!
AT THE MOMENT OF HIS DEATH, SUB-ZERO TOLD ME THE TRUTH...
IF I AM GOING TO HELL FOR ALL I'VE DONE, YOU ARE COMING WITH ME!
C'MON OVER HERE!
RELEASE ME, YOU PATHETIC ZOMBIE! RELEASE ME!
"CONSIDER THIS AN APOLOGY, SONYA BLADE! FAREWELL!"
ALL MY PLANS! LOST! NO! NO!
NNNOOOOOOOOOO
WOW! SCORPION HELPING US! NOBODY WILL BELIEVE THIS!
AS FOR YOU, BOY, I HOPE YOU'RE NOT FAKING IT JUST TO GRAB MY BREASTS...

IN ANOTHER ROOM, ANOTHER FIGHT CONTINUES.
LIU KANG BARELY HAS TIME TO DEFEND HIMSELF FROM THE SWIFT ATTACKS.
Woow
A DEEP GRUDGE SEEMS TO MOTIVATE THIS KOMBATANT.
SHE SEEMS TO HATE LIU KANG WITH ALL HER MIGHT.
BUT NOW THERE'S NO TIME TO UNDERSTAND THE REASON.
THERE ARE GREATER ISSUES AT STAKE.
THWOK

ALL THIS IS TOO STRANGE...
EACH TIME I DEFEAT ONE OF SHINNOK'S MINIONS, ANOTHER TAKES ITS PLACE!
THEY STRIKE AT ME WITH NO STRATEGY OR TACTICS!
IT MAKES NO SENSE!
UNLESS.. THEY ARE JUST TRYING TO KEEP ME BUSY!
THAT'S IT, ISN'T IT?
RAYDEN MIGHT NEED ME!
THE CHOSEN ONE RUSHES TOWARDS THE TEMPLE'S MAIN CHAMBER, PROTECTED BY RAYDEN AND FUJIN.
AS HE ARRIVES, HE FINDS AN IMPRESSIVE SIGHT...

LIU KANG SEES THE MAD GOD WITHSTANDING THE INCREDIBLY POWERFUL BLASTS FROM RAYDEN AND FUJIN.
THE FULL POWER OF THUNDER AND STORM IS DIRECTED INTO THE TERRIBLE VILLAIN...
...WITH NO EFFECT!
THE FORCE EMANATING FROM THE BATTLE IS INCREDIBLE! LIU FEELS LIKE AN ANT IN A DUEL OF LIONS!
IF RAYDEN HIMSELF CANNOT SCRATCH THIS CREATURE...
...THEN WHAT CAN A MERE MORTAL DO?
LIU KANG, WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW!
SHINNOK'S POWER GROWS WITH EVERY SECOND!
FUJIN AND I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTAIN HIM FOR MUCH LONGER!
MY HELP? BUT I'M JUST...
DO NOT SAY SUCH A THING!
YOU ARE THE CHOSEN ONE! THE CHAMPION OF MORTAL KOMBAT!
ONLY YOU CAN SUMMON THE FULL POWER OF THE SHAOLIN MONKS!
THE POWER OF THE DRAGON

WE WILL BUY YOU THE TIME YOU NEED, LIU KANG!
YES... I UNDERSTAND NOW!
QUICKLY! SHINNOK IS ALMOST ESCAPING!
"DO NOT RELENT, LORD OF WIND! WE ARE CLOSE TO VICTORY!"
"SHINNOK HAS BEATEN ME ONCE! IT WILL NOT HAPPEN AGAIN!"
"THIS TIME, I HAVE YOU AND THE OTHER KOMBATANTS BY MY SIDE!"
"AND LIU KANG!"
"SHINNOK TOOK HIS PHYSICAL FORM, AND IS USING HIS POWERS AGAINST US!"
"HE IS VULNERABLE!"
"AND ONLY LIU KANG CAN UNLEASH THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL BLOWS..."


"THE FORM OF THE DRAGON!"
"THE SUPREME SYMBOL OF POWER! THE SYMBOL OF MORTAL KOMBAT!"
"AND NOT EVEN AN ELDER GOD CAN STAND AGAINST THAT POWER!"
CROK!
CRUNCH!
KLAK!
AAAAAAAAAAAA
FATALITY!

GAME OVER.
THE THREAT IS OVER. SHINNOK HAS BEEN VANQUISHED FOREVER.
EARTH REALM IS SAFE.
BUT LIU KANG'S MIND IS FAR FROM HERE. HE FEARS FOR HIS LOVED ONE, PRINCESS KITANA.
WHAT DAMAGE COULD THE MAD GOD HAVE DONE TO EDENIA, HER HOME REALM?
HE WONDERS IF SHE IS WELL. DOES SHE NEED HIS HELP?
BUT, FOR NOW, THOSE QUESTIONS MUST WAIT...
...BECAUSE SONYA BLADE SEEMS TO HAVE NEWS.
JOHNNY AND I JUST SEARCHED THE TEMPLE! ALL OF SHINNOK'S SOLDIERS ARE GONE!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT, LIU! WE DID IT! WE WON!
AND THE OTHERS? ANY NEWS?
KAI IS DEAD! I KNOW YOU WERE FRIENDS! I'M SORRY...
...SCORPION SAID HE KILLED SUB-ZERO, BUT WE CAN'T FIND HIS BODY!
JAREK'S UNDER ARREST! AND JAX... FELL TO THE PITS WITH GORO!
NO ONE COULD SURVIVE A FALL LIKE THAT...
DON'T BE SAD, SONYA!
I THINK RAYDEN MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIX IT! LIKE HE DID WITH JOHNNY CAGE!
HE IS SPEAKING WITH THE ELDER GODS RIGHT NOW!

WE FOLLOWED YOUR ENTIRE CAMPAIGN AGAINST OUR BROTHER! YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT!
WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL, RAYDEN!
IT WAS MY SWORN DUTY!
I WAS BEATEN BY SHINNOK BEFORE, AND MILLIONS DIED!
FOR CENTURIES YOU HAVE BLAMED YOURSELF FOR THAT MISTAKE, RAYDEN!
BEFORE, YOU WERE YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED! INCAPABLE OF BEATING OUR BROTHER!
EVEN STILL, YOU HAVE DONE YOUR BEST TO PROTECT EARTH REALM!
SUCH DEDICATION MUST BE RIGHTFULLY REWARDED!
MORE THAN A REWARD, A RECOGNITION!
ARE YOU SUGGESTING
YES!
WITH THE DEATH OF SHINNOK, THE COSMIC BALANCE HAS BEEN SHAKEN!
HIS PLACE MUST BE TAKEN BY SOMEONE WITH RESPECT FOR THE ORDER!
YOU, RAYDEN!
NAME YOUR SUCCESSOR AND JOIN US!
I CHOOSE FUJIN!
FROM NOW ON, FUJIN, YOU WILL BE THE PROTECTOR OF EARTH!
TAKE SPECIAL CARE OF THE MORTALS OF EARTH! FOR THEY ARE A GREAT PEOPLE!

I WILL STILL WATCH OVER YOU, MY FRIENDS! ALL OF YOU!"
AND WORRY NOT ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN DURING THIS TERRIBLE CRISIS!"
"YOU HAVE A GOD AS AN ALLY, FRIEND AND GUARDIAN!"
"I TRUST IN YOU, FUJIN!"
I WILL HONOR THAT TRUST, LORD RAYDEN!
I WILL ALWAYS MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF THE REALM OF EARTH AND ITS AMAZING INHABITANTS!
ALONG WITH THESE BRAVE MORTALS WHO RISKED THEIR LIVES TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE US!
WE HAVE MUCH TO DO, MY MORTAL FRIENDS! WOUNDS TO HEAL, RUINS TO REBUILD. .
...AND FRIENDS TO BRING BACK!
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WHY DOES IT ALWAYS START LIKE THIS?
IS THERE NO OTHER WAY?
LIKE THIS GIRL, FOR EXAMPLE!
I DON'T KNOW WHO SHE IS, HER NAME OR WHERE SHE COMES FROM!
ALL I KNOW IS THAT SHE SHOWED UP FROM OUT OF NOWHERE TO ATTACK ME!
THE STRANGEST THING IS THAT SHE LOOKS... FAMILIAR!

SHE REMINDS ME OF KITANA!
THAT LOOK... THE OUTFIT...
HER FACE...
...AND THE WAY SHE KICKS MY FACE!

I LEARNED FROM THE SHAOLIN MONKS THAT NOT EVERYTHING HAS TO BE RESOLVED WITH VIOLENCE!
BUT THIS LADY DOES NOT SHARE MY OPINION!
SO BE IT! IF SHE IS WILLING TO CHALLENGE THE MORTAL KOMBAT CHAMPION...
...SHE SHOULD SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES!
WHEN YOU STEP INTO KOMBAT, YOU MUST ACCEPT THE RULES!
AND THE RULES BETWEEN KOMBATANTS ARE HARD!

"OFTEN TIMES, TOO HARD!"
IT ENDS AS IT BEGINS, THE SAME WAY!
VERY STRANGE, THIS DREAM!
A PREMONITION, PERHAPS? A WARNING?
WHY MUST I REPEAT THIS KOMBAT EVERY NIGHT?
AND WHY DO I FEEL THAT, IN THE END, IT WILL ALL END IN THE WORST WAY?
CHOMP!
FATALITY!
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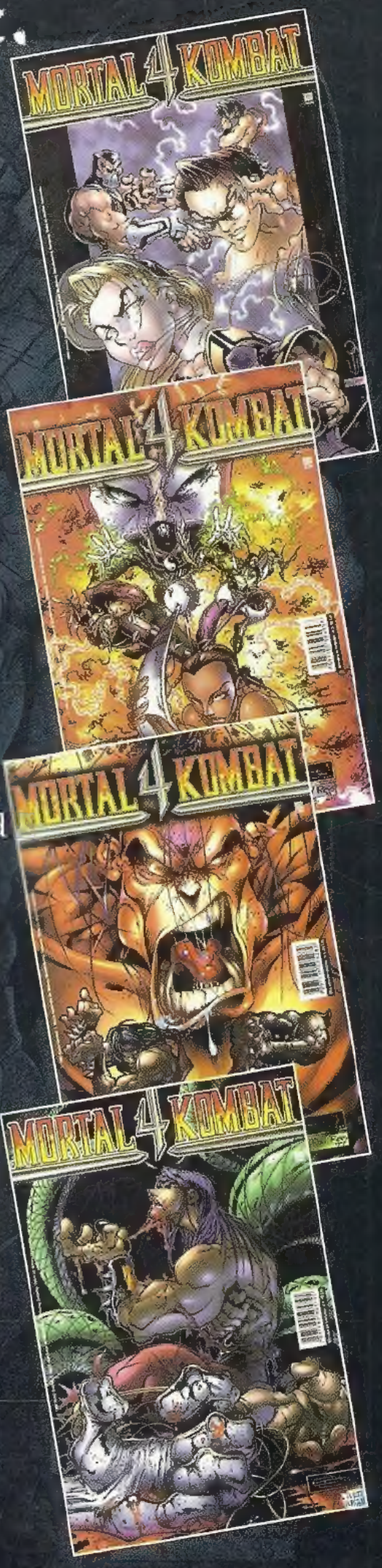

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